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Would you pay more for repairs?

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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WOULD you prefer to pay £1.70 extra per week to ensure you will get the repairs you need to your home?

That's the question from Milton Keynes Council's Conservative housing boss Peter Geary after opponents voted against his proposal for a higher council house rent rise, which he said could have a serious effect on a 'massive backlog' of repairs the authority needs to deal with.

As reported in last week's MK NEWS, he was proposing a rise of 6.1 per cent, which would have brought the rent of about 14,000 council homes in the city up to around £83.08 per week.

But the move was rejected by Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors, who will have their proposed rise of four per cent implemented instead - about £1.70 per week cheaper.

But Cllr Geary has warned that will leave a yearly deficit for the council of £380,000, which he says could mean housing stock repairs to things like windows and boilers could be in danger.

He said: "We are now £380,000 down in the coming year, which we can accommodate, but we will be that down in the coming years too which will be very hard to accommodate and we need to look at how we address that shortfall."

He said the move could prevent the council from borrowing more money from the Government, which could further jeopardise housing repairs. The council is nearing its borrowing limit from the Government.

Cllr Geary said to be able to borrow more it needs to prove it is a 'special case' but now claims their negotiating position has been made harder as the rent will be raised by such a small amount.

He said: "We have a massive backlog over the next five years that we need to deal with – the only way I could see of doing that is to borrow some money to do it.

"When they see we've set one of the lowest rises in the country they will ask why we think we are a special case, why we are desperate for money.

"I think if we don't get it we will have to go grovelling to Government that we do need it."

Council house tenant Fred Chitty, 74, who lives in Broadlands in Netherfield, said he would prefer to pay the extra £1.70 a week to ensure his repairs are done.

He added: "It's just like taking out insurance really. Otherwise it would fall to the individual to pay for repairs."

But Lib Dem councillor Chris Williams said the 6.1 per cent rise was just too much.

"We are at crisis point," he said in last Tuesday's full council meeting. "Many people fear further increases in rents and costs of living, many people are facing increases in costs of heat and gas, and many have already found the cost of food increasing. We have to balance against the ability of our tenants to pay."

■ **What do you think? Would you pay the extra? E-mail editor@mk-news.co.uk.**

Free hugs to lift spirits

WORN out workers' spirits were lifted at Midsummer Place Shopping Centre on Monday where hugs were being dished out on the most depressing day of the year.

The event was hosted by charity group, Climb Your Mountain (CYM), which helps people with negative feelings, including depression, all year round.

Charlie Wardle, founder of CYM, said: "We thought this would be a great way to lift people's spirits and make them smile on the most depressing day of the year. Psychologists calculate that factors including weather conditions, debt level and time since failing our new year's resolutions make January 16, also known as Blue Monday, the worst day for people's self esteem."

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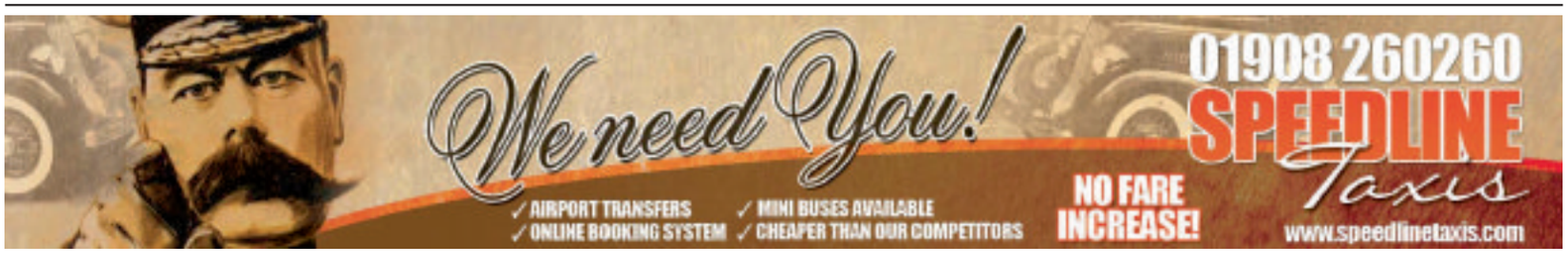

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Waterway is 'no pipe dream'

A WATER link between Milton Keynes and Bedford 'is no pipe dream' after the plan was included in the documents outlining ambitions for the city.

Milton Keynes Council has included support for the delivery of the 26-kilometre Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway, which will link the Grand Union Canal with the Great River Ouse, in its Corporate Plan.

The plan sets out how the council and its partners will work together to achieve their ambitions for the city.

Graham Mabbutt, chairman of the B&MK Waterway Trust, which has been campaigning for the waterway project for more than a decade, hailed it as a milestone.

He said: "This represents a great start to a significant year. The plan's support for the project complements its other priorities such as encouraging local communities, the voluntary and community sector to become involved in managing community assets, together with opportunities to take part in sport, leisure, cultural activity and volunteering – these are all guiding principles for the trust.

"The waterway is no pipe dream, it is happening."

Launch of campaign against rehab centre

Opposition: White Hart Campaign Group chairman Naomi Sinclair outside the site of the proposed centre

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DOZENS of people turned out on Monday night to hear an official opposition launched against a controversial rehab centre development.

A new, larger venue had to be hired by West Bletchley Council as it discussed how it would try to defeat the proposal to build a 32-bed centre for mental health patients on the site of the derelict White Hart pub in Whaddon Way.

MK NEWS has previously reported how the council agreed to support residents in their campaign against the proposals from Cambian, and now it has set out its official plan to challenge the application.

It hopes that the proposal will be rejected on three main grounds when it is heard by Milton Keynes Council's planning committee next month.

These are an 'exceptional' fear of crime among residents, the effect on traffic and parking, and the impact of the design on the locality, which they say is out of keeping with the street scene.

Council clerk Helen Hupton said there were also worries about nuisance, noise, and loss of privacy.

During the meeting, a statement was also read out from MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart in which he offered his full support to the council in its challenge.

Naomi Sinclair is the chairman of the White Hart Campaign Group, which sent out more than 6,000 letters to residents about the proposals.

It also handed out campaign leaflets and asked people to sign petitions, which will be presented to the councillors who will make the final decision.

At the meeting she said: "We are doing everything to try to stop this application going ahead.

"I'm aware a lot of the community are very concerned about this and its implications."

Teenage mum's sentence cut

A TEENAGE mum who gave birth to her daughter while she was locked up came a step closer to being reunited with her child after top judges freed her from detention.

Dawn Pamela Rachel Winchester, 18, of Buckby, Tinkers Bridge, was locked up for 12 months at Aylesbury Crown Court in November after admitting unlawful wounding and having a bladed article.

Her victim was Kimberley Tucker, 18, who Winchester stabbed twice in the thigh after an exchange of inflammatory Facebook messages, London's Appeal Court heard on Tuesday.

Winchester gave birth to her baby daughter in detention on January 14, but her child was taken from her by social services just 18 hours later.

Her lawyers urged the court to slash her sentence on compassionate grounds, to give the child a chance of 'bonding' with her young mum.

After prolonged consultation with his two fellow judges, Mr Justice Keith cut Winchester's sentence to ten months.

He said this should result in her immediate release from custody.

Alex is Wan to watch

A CITY anti-bullying hero will be appearing on two television shows in the coming months.

Alex Holmes, 23, from Stony Stratford, started an anti-bullying programme while working at Radcliffe School in Wolverton.

Now running his own national programme for the Princess Diana Award, he will be appearing on Channel 4 programme Gok's Teens, where fashion guru Gok Wan will be focusing on teen confidence.

He will also appear on Channel 5's documentary following model Jodie Marsh, who was bullied in her teenage years.

He said: "It was a privilege to work with such interesting people."

Attempted sexual assault of girl, 9

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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SCHOOLS have been given safety advice and police have stepped up patrols after a man attempted to sexually assault a nine-year-old girl on Thursday.

The girl was walking in Linceslade Grove, Loughton, between 3.15 and 4pm when she was approached by a man who offered to show her a shortcut.

He then took her to a more secluded area near Lodge Lake, where he attempted to pull her trousers down.

A struggle took place, during which the man slapped the girl's face before she managed to run off.

An elderly woman, believed to have seen the offender at the time of the attack, has spoken with detectives and has helped advance the investigation.

The man is thought to be in his 30s and described as light skinned and about 5ft 9ins. He has very light blue bulging eyes, a long nose, tensed lips and tight cheeks. He was wearing black clothing and a black thermos hat.

Det Sgt Luke Grove, investigating the incident, said: "This was a worrying incident, not to mention traumatic for the victim."

At this stage police believe this to be an isolated incident and do not want people to panic.

As a precaution officers have been carrying out extra high visibility and plain clothes patrols to reassure the public and try to catch the offender.

Anyone with information can contact the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

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New CEO for trust

BLETCHLEY Park Trust announced it has a new chief executive officer on Monday. Iain Standen, who has recently retired from the British Army as a Colonel in the Royal Corps of Signals, will be taking over from Simon Greenish at the end of this month.

Burglars steal watches

FIVE watches were stolen in a daylight burglary in Stony Stratford on Thursday. Between 11.45am and 12.30pm, offenders forced the rear door of a house just off Wolverton Road. Police are keen to speak to anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area at the time on the non-emergency number 101.

Libraries consultation

AN IMPORTANT consultation into the future of the city's libraries ended on Thursday. Milton Keynes Council has been finding out how the public think the service should be run. The results will be presented to the council.

Group against store changes

THE national organisation which protects the country's historic places has made objections to a city centre development.

John Lewis is proposing to extend its store in thecentre:mk, but due to the building's listed status English Heritage is opposed to the move.

In a response to the planning application, which is due to be considered at a meeting on Thursday, the organisation said: "The proposal to remove one of the last remaining original shopfronts in the Milton Keynes centre is considered to harm the significance of the building as a whole."

Paul Hunt, managing director of John Lewis Milton Keynes, said that architects and specialist heritage consultants have paid close attention to the historic features of the existing facade.

He said this is 'to ensure the proposed improvements would be sensitively carried out and in keeping with the surroundings'.

Jobs set to go at Little Chef

STAFF at Little Chef are 'saddened' by the closure of the restaurant in Fenny Stratford.

It is believed that the branch in Old Stratford is also closing.

The roadside restaurant chain announced last week that it will close 67 of its 161 sites.

One employee said: "There's been rumours floating about for a while so it hasn't come as too much of a shock but it saddens me that I'm going to lose my job at the end of the month."

Nationally the closures are expected to result in the loss of between 500 and 600 jobs.

Graham Sims, chairman of Little Chef, said: "Despite very hard work from some very committed colleagues we have been unable to lift the performances of these sites to a level where they are viable."

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Can I live in MK?

SIR - I write in reference to your story in last week's edition of the newspaper 'Homeless will be relocated to the city'.

I happened to be in a meeting with a housing officer at Milton Keynes Council as I held a copy of your newspaper in my hand.

I was essentially there looking for a house as I have split with my partner and have a small baby and need help with housing.

I have been informed that they have no alternative but to place me in accommodation in Bedford with a wait of approximately six months.

As you can imagine, the thought of this is horrifying. In Bedford on my own with a small baby and no family or friends for support. I am also due to return to work at the end of the month as my maternity leave finishes.

While I appreciate that many people are faced with this situation, I can't help but feel very disgruntled.

They were emphasising the private rental sector. Fabulous as this may sound my entitlement is £421 a month - if there were rental houses in MK for that price, people wouldn't be faced with the choice of heating or food.

So in all, I'm just wondering if I am being treated as a fool? Is there in fact accommodation available? Why are these stories being published when the council wants to ship me off to Bedford for six months?

Name and address supplied

■ ***Editor's note:*** *A council spokesman said: "We have now secured an extra 20 rooms of temporary B&B within Milton Keynes and when we have finished doing works to a couple of our own buildings we will have an additional 12 hostel rooms.*

"This means that as long as demand levels stay as they are, sending homeless people out of the area for their temporary accommodation will be the exception rather than the rule.

"We are well aware of the serious disruption to families placed out of area, so of course it would be far better if we could reduce homelessness in the first place.

"We are continuing to work with people to try to prevent homelessness, to help them find their own housing solutions and to increase the amount of available housing across all tenures."

Need for speed review

SIR - I take this opportunity to thank your paper for mentioning the working group meeting that took place to consider the implementation of a 20mph speed limit trial in West Bletchley.

The residents who attended the meeting, mainly from Whalley Drive, were told the scheme comes under Section section 106 funding. The criteria for spending this money is that it is used towards the introduction of traffic calming measures in Whalley Drive.

The funding was allocated due to Bletchley Park building houses and flats and is specifically allocated and ringfenced for the Whalley Drive area.

It was pointed out at the meeting that no survey was carried out to decide which area should be designated for the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.

It was also confirmed that the residents were not asked for their views.

Therefore, the Whalley Drive area was chosen just because funding can be used in this area.

Shenley Road and Church Green Road do not come under this scheme and therefore West Bletchley Town Council does not want to consider these options.

The residents of Whalley Drive who attended the meeting are totally opposed to the 20mph speed limit.

The working group decided to have 100 per cent consultation with all the residents of Whalley Drive and only ask straight forward questions, such as whether they are in favour of introducing a 20mph speed limit or if they can suggest other workable alternatives.

At last the town councillors have listened to the residents instead of trying to impose a 20mph limit on them, which is undemocratic and illogical.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

Rents rise dilemma

SIR - Any increase in the rent of homes for council tenants is bound to be contested by Labour and others ('Rent rise is challenged', MK NEWS, January 11).

Before condemning the increase, however, one takes it that they have researched how many of the tenants get their rent paid by housing benefit and will not have to pay a penny?

Will Labour cause a fuss if my mortgage goes up, or the rent of a private tenant?

Alderman Paul Bartlett
Stony Stratford

Crossing concern

SIR - Negotiating the hospital roundabout in Milton Keynes, I came perilously close to wiping out a family of three - mother, father and small child - who had chosen to cross the road at that point, dodging between the traffic so that I was blind to their presence until I was almost on top of them.

Had I not been mighty quick on the brakes, they would all have finished up in the hospital mortuary rather than wherever they were headed.

I suppose that must have been merely an example of Darwinism at work, but much as certain sections of the population stand in need of eugenic improvement I had rather not myself be the agent of evolutionary change.

Bull-stupidity at that level is more than a little frightening!

Eric Webb
Bradwell

Mark's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Mark Lancaster MP

We need to educate about relationships

Taking a look: Mark Lancaster MP with a brochure about MK-ACT

THIS month Mark responds to questions put to him by Coleen Kelly, the service manager at MK-ACT, which provides intervention services to victims of domestic violence.

Q: In the last year we have seen an increase in referrals of 27 per cent to the Crisis Intervention Service. What are your thoughts about educating young people to have positive, healthy relationships, and whose responsibility is this?

A: While the appropriateness of sex education in schools is frequently debated, I believe of equal importance should be our efforts to guide the emotional wellbeing of children.

This government has prioritised the need to end domestic violence.

I see it as our responsibility, therefore, to take the steps necessary to devise a curriculum aimed at promoting an understanding about what a 'healthy relationship' is.

In coming weeks I will be pressing the minister to look again at the positive social messages that we promote in schools and perhaps review how best to deliver this vital service.

Q: The Home Office is currently consulting on a domestic violence disclosure scheme.

What is your opinion on disclosing information about an individual's history of domestic violence to a new partner?

A: In 2011 this government took steps to distinguish domestic violence crimes from other acts of violent crimes through introducing Domestic Homicide Review Cases.

The domestic violence disclosure scheme makes similarly positive moves towards combating the prevalence of these dreadful crimes.

Currently the police can use their discretion to disclose relevant information on a partner's past. The changes proposed by the scheme would safeguard women and children without the need to consider how 'dangerous' the danger needs to be.

The Right to Know proposal takes the stress away from approaching the police, ensuring that individuals at risk have all the information made available to them.

I do, however, worry about the extent to which this information might be used inappropriately. I would stress the care needed to be taken during this consultation stage.

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Carlie's a star at our awards

MK NEWS celebrated its successes at The Iliffe Central Staff Awards on Friday.

The event, at Hilton DoubleTree at stadiummk, saw media sales advisor Carlie Lewis pick up the award for Star Performer from chief executive David Fordham, *pictured*.

She said: "I would like to give a very big thank you to all the customers who back such a fantastic publication, without them my success wouldn't be possible."

She was also runner-up in Sales Person of the Year.

MK NEWS was runner-up in the Front Page of the Year, as well as Supplement of the Year for the MK Dons play off pullout.

Andy Handley was runner-up in Photographer of the Year and Sports Photo of the Year, while sports/news reporter Dan Palmer was runner-up in Newcomer of the Year.

Burglar caught by neighbours jailed

BY DAN PALMER
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A BURGLAR has been locked up for more than two years after heroic members of the public caught him lurking in a neighbour's garden.

Benjamin Johannes, 37, was challenged by residents who spotted him climbing over the front gate of a house in Bletchley and jumping through gardens.

They detained him in the back garden of a nearby house, a few doors down from a property he had already burgled in Whaddon Way. He was held until the police arrived to arrest him.

Johannes, of Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, had initially made a brazen attempt to get away with

his crime – as none of the witnesses had actually seen him enter the house.

He pleaded not guilty but was snared as forensic evidence linked him to the crime.

This prompted Johannes, *pictured*, to change his plea to guilty and he was jailed for 30 months at Aylesbury Crown Court last week.

Investigating officer David Brandon was full of praise for the members of the public who helped bring Johannes to justice.

"This was an excellent example of neighbours being vigilant when the occupants were on holiday," he said.

"No property was stolen during the incident, but significant damage was caused gaining entry.

"I am pleased with the sentence handed down to Johannes and hope he will spend his time in prison to reflect on his actions and the misery crimes of this nature cause innocent householders."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Two injured in crash

A MAN and a woman were injured in a car smash in Wolverton Mill on Saturday. The woman had to be cut from her car by firefighters after the accident at the junction of Great Monks Street and Stratford Road at about 3pm.

Retirement relay

ELDERLY residents of two retirement villages in the city will be taking part in a 715-mile charity relay to celebrate the Olympics. Those from Lovat Fields in Willen and Shenley Wood, due to open in February, will be taking part in the relay, which visits all of ExtraCare's villages countrywide, and ends at Shenley Wood on July 27.

Lymphoma group

THE Milton Keynes Lymphoma Association's next support group meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 2pm at The Peartree Centre for those affected by the cancer.

Hospital gets the all clear from the health watchdog

MILTON Keynes Hospital has been given a clean bill of health after previously being criticised for its cleanliness and infection control.

The Care Quality Commission, which checks the country's care providers, published a report in October which said it had 'a major concern over cleanliness and infection control'.

But on Wednesday last week, it announced the hospital was now compliant.

Martin Wetherill, medical director at the hospital, said: "Staff at Milton Keynes Hospital work hard to make sure that patients are kept safe, the hospital is kept clean and rates of infection remain low.

"Immediate action was taken to address compliance with infection prevention and control. I am delighted that our actions have had such a positive impact."

Woman's phone is snatched

A WOMAN had her iPhone snatched in the city centre on Thursday.

The 23-year-old chased the man after he grabbed it on Avebury Boulevard between 6.30 and 6.45pm, but couldn't catch up with him.

The offender is described as black, about 5ft 10ins and of stocky build. He was wearing a grey hooded top with the hood up and dark trousers.

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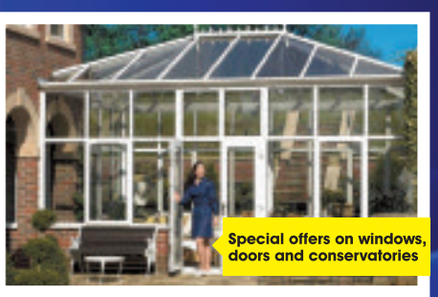

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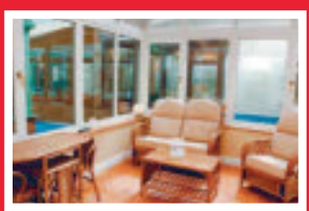

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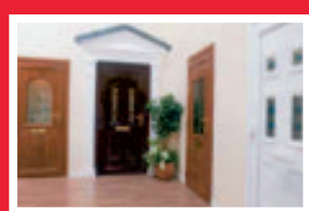

Concerns: Residents Ginny Tait and Pete Burrett with councillor Lee Barney at the site of the proposals

Residents upset over homes plan

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CONCERNS are growing for residents living next to the site of a proposed development for 400 homes.

An informal residents' 'awareness' group has already been set up, which has been going door to door in the Wavendon Gate and Old Farm Park areas of the city to tell others about the proposals for the Church Farm development.

Ward councillor Lee Barney says that his residents are concerned mainly about schooling, health provision and what will happen with the area's roads.

He said: "Wavendon Gate School is currently fully subscribed. I can only see it working if they move the catchment area to include Church Farm.

"I'm concerned the GP surgery is already oversubscribed and that the NHS wouldn't have the money to build a new one.

"I'm also concerned about the road links. They talk about potentially extending the H10, which is fine, but there's no real side-entrance access."

In summer last year, Milton Keynes Council earmarked the patch of land next to Old Farm Park as one of the areas that would form part of the next stage of the city's development.

The council is now informally consulting with residents to find out their views, with a meeting being held tonight in the MK Snap building in Bourton Low from 5.30pm.

A council spokesman said: "No final decisions regarding the Church Farm development proposals have been taken by the council. The purpose of the current informal consultation is to get comments from all interested stakeholders on the development proposals."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Smoking ban discussed

A CONTROVERSIAL proposal to ban smoking in the streets of Stony Stratford was due to be discussed last night at a town council meeting. To find out the result, see www.mk-news.co.uk, and for more on the story see next week's MK NEWS.

Date set for Brabin trial

A PROVISIONAL date has been set for the assault trial of Luton Town manager Gary Brabin, 40, who lives in Milton Keynes. The Hatters boss has pleaded not guilty to two counts of assault and one charge of using threatening words or behaviour during a game against York City on April 18, 2011. He will appear at Selby Magistrates' Court on May 23 following a case management hearing on March 15.

Wrong amount reported

LAST week MK NEWS reported Bletchley Agora had raised £1,020 for the Make A Wish Foundation - the amount raised was £320. MK NEWS apologises for any inconvenience.

Camper forced back inside

A CAMPER who was braving the cold and sleeping outside his house for six months for charity has spoken of his disappointment at being forced to finish early.

In August MK NEWS reported how Daniel Thompson, 32, from Peartree Bridge, was planning to take on the freezing feat in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research, while in the day cycling to different charity shops around the region.

But unfortunately, as he has a condition with his own heart, he was forced to retire from the challenge early.

He said: "I was really disappointed, I wanted to do it, and I asked the doctors if there was any chance of carrying on.

"But I understand where they are coming from - it's my health."

He is hoping people will still give to the cause on www.justgiving.com/daniel-thompson0, and says he is planning to try something else in the future.

Plans to help vulnerable people

THE council is planning to introduce a new range of services to help give vulnerable children and families the best start in life.

Contracts for preventive services are ending in March so there is an opportunity to review the services that are commissioned.

Following a review an Early Help Commissioning Plan has been developed to provide a coherent and comprehensive response for priority families that would benefit from early help support.

Initially the plan will aim to reduce poverty, raise attainment in schools and increase engagement in work and training for parents as well as young people.

It will target priority areas where current investment is more limited, particularly in relation to formal parenting classes and community based support for families with five to ten-year-old children.

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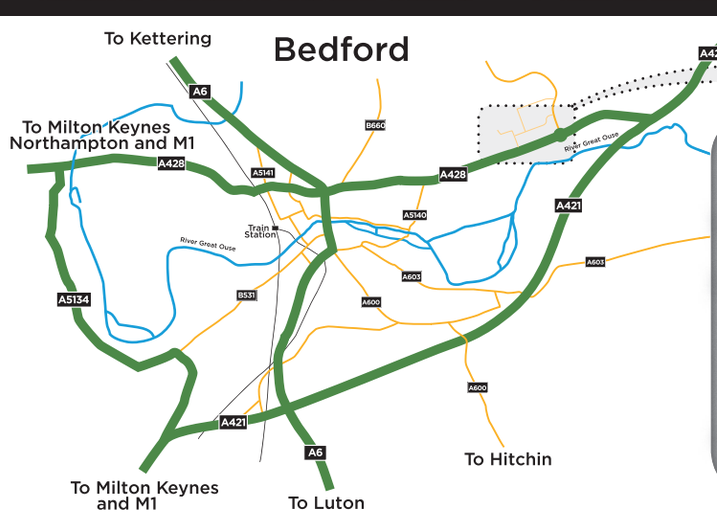

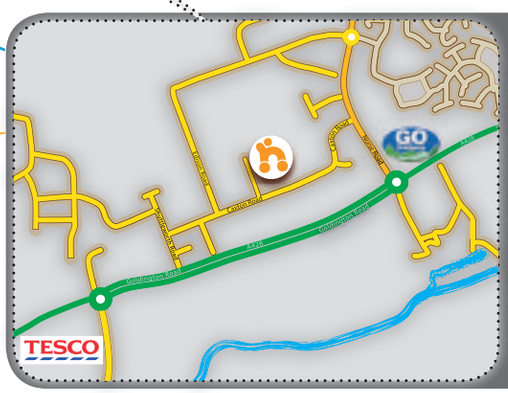

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Shopkeeper has licence revoked

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AN OFF licence has lost its appeal against the council's decision to revoke its licence following action by the police.

Milton Keynes Council's licensing team originally revoked the licence to sell alcohol at Fishermead Off Licence, Fishermead Boulevard, last June.

This came after breaches on several counts, including underage sales, incorrect displays of spirits in the retail area and the wrong signs regarding ID requirements.

Concerns about CCTV equipment and selling alcohol to people who are drunk were also raised.

The review application was supported by the Fishermead Parish Council and the local Samaritans branch, which was adversely affected by increased anti-social behaviour following the opening of the shop in late 2010.

Councillor Stuart Burke, chairman of Milton Keynes Council's licensing committee, said: "We take breaches of licence conditions and under age sales very seriously and support the action taken by the police and other agencies to control this."

The Off Licence on Fishermead Boulevard

The shop owner, Mythil Prabaharan, appeared before city magistrates on Friday to appeal the council's decision.

However, they concluded that the presence of the shop undermined the crime prevention objective under the licensing laws and so the decision to revoke the licence was correct.

Costs of £12,000 were also awarded to the council.

Although the licence had been revoked in June, the appeal process meant that alcohol could still be sold at the shop until the case was heard in court.

Inspector Colleen Lavery, neighbourhood inspector for Fishermead, said: "Police reviewed the premise license and I am pleased councillors made the decision to revoke it and this has been upheld by the courts and the shop will no longer act as a hub for anti-social behaviour in the area."

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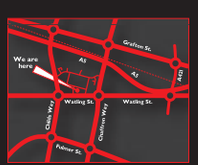

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There will be light at danger junction

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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COUNCILLORS are celebrating after it was announced street lights on one of the city's busiest roads would be switched back on.

West Bletchley councillors Mick Legg and Nigel Long raised concerns when the H8 Standing Way was plunged into darkness where it meets Trafalgar Avenue.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, this junction has been recognised as dangerous after a series of accidents in recent years.

The complaint sparked a review by officers at Milton Keynes Council and two lights were turned back on over the weekend.

Cllr Legg said: "This is the right decision. The council needs to revisit the decision to turn grid lights off and make sure all junctions and other roads are safe."

The previous Lib Dem administration at Milton Keynes Council decided to switch off all 'non-essential' grid road lights in February in an attempt to save almost £400,000.

But when the Conservatives took control in May they vowed to review the controversial decision.

Danger: Mick Legg at the H8 Standing Way and Trafalgar Avenue junction

Cllr John Bint, cabinet member responsible for transport and highways, said general safety checks were made and it was decided that lights at roundabouts, junctions, bus stops and adjacent to redways would be left on.

He said: "Achieving the reduction in total electricity usage imposed by the previous Lib Dem administration has been difficult and the council is monitoring the situation carefully."

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Councillor still in post despite keeping word

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COUNCILLOR who said he would quit if a nursery was not opened before Christmas has handed in his resignation - but he will be staying in his post.

At a meeting of Stony Stratford Town Council in July, Cllr Philip Wharton announced he would quit if Russell Street Day Nursery, which has been closed since 2010, was not reopened by Christmas.

It has not opened and the Conservative member for Stony Stratford handed his resignation in to the leader of Milton Keynes Council on Christmas Eve, but it was rejected straight away.

He said: "Looking back at it, putting a time frame on it was, in hindsight, rather foolish of me.

"I offered the leader my resignation and he chose not to accept that.

"I'm still confident we will get a nursery in Stony Stratford - a private provider has expressed a strong desire to open a new nursery here and we are looking to find a good location for it."

Council leader Andrew Geary said he had cross-party calls for him not to let Cllr Wharton go.

He said: "I chose not to accept his resignation because he has worked tirelessly for the nursery and we continue to work to find a solution for provision in the town.

"But being councillor for Stony Stratford is about much more than the nursery and many people of all political parties would tell you he's an excellent councillor.

"I've had many people getting in touch saying I must not let him go."

Staying: Stony Stratford councillor Philip Wharton outside the Russell Street Day Nursery

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Alan Smedley, 60, Olney,

"I'M NOT really bothered, I do vote but I wouldn't care if it changed."

Paul Hansard, 44, Old Farm Park

"I WOULD like to be able to talk about the changes. Four years is too long but every year is probably too much."

Susan Napleton, 62, Simpson

"IF SOMEONE'S in that isn't any good then they'll be in for a much longer amount of time."

Emma Herring, 43, Lidlington

Election dilemma

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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RESIDENTS have spoken out about the possibility of changing the way councillors are elected after the issue was discussed last week.

Currently a third of Milton Keynes Council is elected each year, with no election in the fourth year.

However, the proposals discussed at a full meeting of the council on Tuesday last week, could see this change to one election every four years.

The Conservative party proposed the public should be consulted on implementing the changes, but this idea was met by opposition from other parties.

Liberal Democrat Jenni Ferrans, who represents Furzton, explained her constituency wants to be able to vote on a yearly basis.

She said: "For once I don't want to go to consultation because the decision is presupposed."

However, a number of residents who spoke to MK NEWS said they would like to have their say on any changes, with some suggesting elections every two years.

Cheltenham Council uses this system and a spokesman said: "It seems to work well and we generally get a good turn out for elections."

However, Andrew Geary, Conservative leader of the council, said: "Elections by halves is an option we never considered because legislation doesn't allow us to move to that from elections by thirds."

Labour councillor Brian White said the public should be consulted, but on all options and types of council, not just the Conservatives' preferred choice.

A working group of members with representatives from each party will now be appointed to act as a point of reference for the Local Boundary Commission during the electoral arrangements review.

Remains are put in storage

A FULL investigation has been carried out on the remains found at the housing development in Oakridge Park.

The bones are now in secure storage after being recovered and handed over to Milton Keynes Council.

A portion of lower jaw and teeth were recovered that show extreme wear associated with a courser diet, so they could be several thousand years old.

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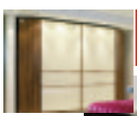

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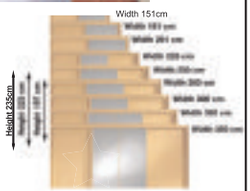

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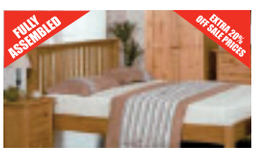

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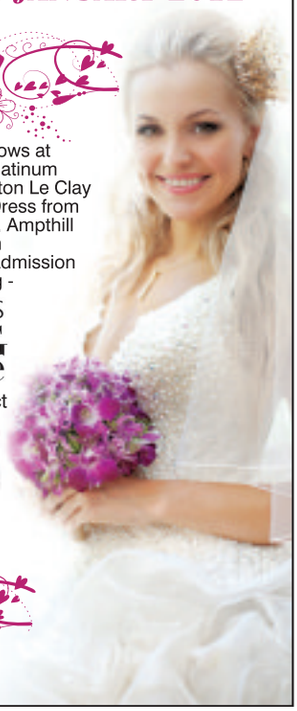

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Coach named after Andrew

THE city's table tennis star has been honoured in an unusual fashion – a coach has been named after him.

Andrew Baggaley, *pictured*, was at the Coachway on Friday for the unveiling of the vehicle – also called Andrew Baggaley.

National Express has bestowed the honour on the UK's number one player in recognition of his achievements in the sport, and as part of a sponsorship deal.

Meeting to discuss city expansion plan

BY DAN PALMER
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RESIDENTS will finally get the chance to quiz developers over the major plans in the pipeline for the west of the city.

A meeting to discuss the Western Expansion Area will be held on Wednesday, February 1 and Gallagher Estates are due to attend to talk about a number of key issues.

Another meeting about the proposed work was due to take place in November but the developers dropped out on the day.

Now it is hoped that a more in-depth discussion can be had about the plans, which could see 6,000 homes built.

The Western Expansion Area covers a 360 hectare site to the south of Stony Stratford, to the south-west of Two Mile Ash and north-west of Crownhill and Grange Farm.

Employment land and primary and secondary schools are also envisioned.

John Hawtorn, Abbey Hill Parish Council chairman, urged people who will be affected to attend.

He said: "We will get the views of the local residents and the developers know what the position is."

Gallaghers have been asked to provide a progress update, their plans and timetable and take part in a question and answer session.

Issues stressed as important to residents include the possibility of increased congestion, extra grid roads and safe access to the new schools.

The meeting will take place at Two Mile Ash Middle School at 7.30pm.

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Hopes retail guru will come to town

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A TELEVISION shopping guru's report into the state and future of Britain's high streets was debated in Parliament yesterday - and there is still hope she could visit one town in the borough.

Retail marketing consultant Mary Portas, who shot to fame in the BBC programme Mary Queen of Shops, was asked by the Government to produce a report into how the country's town centres could be revived.

In the summer, MP for Milton Keynes North Mark Lancaster, who spoke in yesterday's debate on her report, wrote to ask her if she would pay a visit to Newport Pagnell to give it a helping hand.

And town councillor Wendy Egan, Mayor of Newport Pagnell, says she thinks it could still be a good idea for her to visit.

She said: "I think the High Street does need revitalising.

"I would like to see a new face in the town to say what we could do – to have someone with a different outlook on how we can improve the town.

"I think it would be good if she came and I would support that.

"If she had some ideas, and other people in the town thought it would help them, I would back that.

Guru: Retail expert Mary Portas

"I don't like to see empty units, and we don't have many, but I would like to see them all full up."

But Cllr Egan added that she also thought the shopkeepers have a role to play.

In the shopping guru's report, titled The Mary Portas Review, she makes 28 recommendations that could help revitalise town centres. They include encouraging people to get involved in Neighbourhood Plans as part of the Localism Bill.

As reported by MK NEWS last week, a number of these plans have already been set up in Milton Keynes, including in Wolverton, which will give local people a greater say on the development of their areas.

Part of Wolverton's Neighbourhood Plan will focus on improving the town centre.

Mr Lancaster said this was something he was trying to demonstrate to the Government in yesterday's debate.

He said: "Only through careful use of the Localism Bill, where people will get greater say over things like business rates, can you get the right mix to get a better high street.

"It's only through greater local say that you can do that."

Ms Portas' recommendations also include asking the Government to rethink business rates, making it easier for people to become market traders by removing regulations so that anyone can trade on the high street unless there is a valid reason, and creating 'town teams' to manage the operations of any one given high street.

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Get ready to help with fun scheme

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SOMETHING exciting is coming to Milton Keynes – and MK NEWS will be exclusively revealing all the details online and in next week's paper.

There is already huge support from some of the country's most famous faces, including X-Factor runner-up and number one selling pop star Olly Murs.

Be sure to check www.mk-news.co.uk from tomorrow morning and then see MK NEWS next week for all the details on how you can get involved in the exciting scheme.

If you are interested in doing your bit for your local community, giving a helping hand to those who may need it, or just interested in a fun and exciting 12 weeks, then you may want to take a look to see what we are doing.

Already, the initiative has helped numerous local charities, organisations and groups and this year MK NEWS hopes to help even more to make a difference to people right across the city.

Last year, some of those who benfited were young people who belong to the Air Training Corps (ATC), helping them to learn a huge range of life skills such as teamwork, leadership and respect for authority.

The ATC offers young people aged 13 upwards the chance to try activities such as flying, gliding, sports, adventure training camps and Duke of Edinburgh awards. Cadets say they make friends for life there and gain skills and qualifications that help them get a job.

Many members of the 2366 (Bletchley Park) Squadron are from low income families in the area and they benefit enormously from the opportunities they are given.

Part of last year's scheme enabled the squadron to buy sports equipment and track tops for the cadets, so they were better prepared to take part in ATC athletic competitions.

In summer 2011, the squadron won 18 medals, came third in the female competition and sixth in the overall wing contest.

Forty-five cadets have benefitted from this initiative so far and they will continue to use the equipment for years to come.

So to find out what we are talking about, and what has got Olly so excited, see www.mk-news.co.uk tomorrow.

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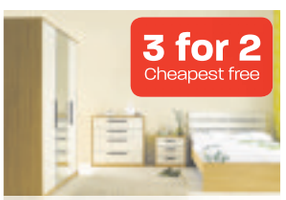

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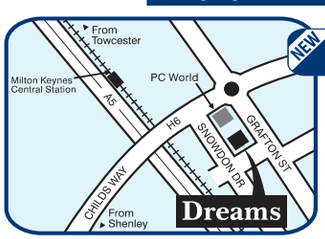

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Going in circles at roundabout camp

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ROUNDABOUT dwellers have led to the fire service being called to the same place five times in three months.

Strangely, two sets of people moved onto Springfield roundabout in as many months.

Before Christmas the fire service was called to the roundabout, at the junction of H6 Childs Way and V8 Marlborough Street, three times to deal with what were classified as 'rubbish fires' after motorists spotted flames.

In fact, the fires were the result of two people cooking food and trying to keep warm.

Milton Keynes Council negotiated for the pair to move on and the site was cleared.

But then twice this month, on January 8 and Wednesday last week, firefighters were called again and found people living on the same roundabout.

A makeshift camp had been set up in a clearing in the middle of the trees.

A white tarpaulin was pulled around the open-air camp as a wind breaker and it appeared as though the people living there were sleeping in the open without any shelter from the elements.

The makeshift camp set up in the middle of the roundabout

There was also evidence of an open camp fire in the middle of the open space and tins and bottles left over from meals.

A council spokesman confirmed they were different people to those who moved out before Christmas.

He said they have now moved on and the site was cleared again on Sunday.

A Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Service spokesman said one of the main concerns of people living on the city's roundabouts was for motorists, as smoke coming from their fires could prove to be a distraction.

He also said people crossing the road to reach the roundabout could cause problems.

He added: "People living there does increase the risk of a more serious incident happening, but the police and council were well aware of this and will have prevented anything from happening."

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Making a Point for landmark rethink

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COUNCILLOR who was brought up in Milton Keynes says he fears for one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

Cllr Andy Maric says he remembers visiting The Point in CMK when it housed the country's first multiplex cinema.

But now he has concerns that it is falling into 'disrepair and disuse'.

He feels that private owners Hammerson could do more with the space, or reinvest to improve it.

He said: "I currently think that in an ideal world there's more that they can do, but with the economy as it is how committed are they to developing it?

"It currently feels under utilised.

"It's a highly desirable space that could be used for things.

"I think a big refurb and invested money could go a long way to bring people's attentions back there.

"It's a bit of a shame that such an iconic building is slowly falling into disrepair and disuse.

"It's not their fault, but they currently need to up their game - I don't think anyone wants to see it fall into disrepair. They need to rethink their strategy."

He suggests the building could be used for such things as a university campus.

A spokesman for the owners said: "Hammerson is currently working to ensure The Point is utilised by local businesses and community groups within the town.

"The first floor is occupied and we are speaking to employment and youth organisations regarding additional space. We are also looking for tenants for the restaurant space.

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Charity initiative on

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A CHARITY initiative which has been capturing the imaginations of city residents has received a huge boost in funding, as people continue to dedicate time and money to helping out.

In December MK NEWS reported how inspirational 86-year-old Age UK volunteer Elsie Gibling won £50 as part of Milton Keynes Council's Golden Wonder awards and instantly donated her prize to the Surviving Winter campaign, organised by MK Community Foundation.

Many more people, groups and organisations have since been getting involved in the initiative, which sees money donated to help vulnerable people get through the colder months.

Street theatre group Stony Stratford Mummers has donated all the money raised from its annual Christmas street and pub performances to the cause, which is helping to buy blankets for and warm the homes of elderly people in the city.

Mummers member Vicky Shakeshaft told MK NEWS how street performances in the town date back about 250 years, when people would perform to try to raise money to survive the winter - very apt, given the cause they were raising money for this year.

She said: "We chose the appeal because it is a local charity and the 'heat or eat' message is very real.

"A lot of people don't realise how many elderly aren't very well off.

"The pension doesn't go far and they do have to make choices like heat or eat and this results in high statistics of death among the elderly in the winter."

Last week it was announced that Milton Keynes Council has been successful in its application to the Department of Health for match funding for the campaign of up to £30,000.

So far about £13,000 has been raised, which means this total will increase to £26,000.

The nationwide campaign has also been calling on those of pensionable age who receive a winter fuel allowance but don't need it to donate it to help those worse off than themselves.

This message has been spread by Salford-based web design company Interdirect.

Nicholas Mann, managing director and founder of the company, has been supporting MK Community Foundation for more than 13 years and is a corporate member of the grant-giving charity.

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Simon Green, housing manager at the city's YMCA which helps run the project, said the initiative was created after last year's severe weather. There was a real concern that if the same happened again, some of those living on the streets could freeze to death.

He said: "We got together with the council to discuss the project and we have been using the facilities of seven churches, with each providing the service for one night a week, which carries all sorts of costs.

"We've helped more than 50 individuals since December, giving them hot meals and somewhere to stay, that otherwise would have been sleeping rough.

"We had donations from other sources, but if it wasn't for the Surviving Winter campaign we wouldn't still be running."

Night Shelter: Some of the money raised is helping the homeless

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Torch poster in exhibition

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A POSTER designed to celebrate the Olympic Torch's visit to Milton Keynes will be going on display at a special sporting exhibition on Monday.

Artist Robert Rusin, who lives in Shenley Church End, designed the piece after learning the torch would be passing through the city on its way around the country.

And now it will be displayed as part of the three-month Our Sporting Life: Milton Keynes display at the DoubleTree Hilton at stadiummk.

Mr Rusin said: "Everyone's waiting with anticipation for the Olympics.

"I decided, as we are getting to see the Olympic Torch passing through, to come up with something to match the occasion."

The Our Sporting Life exhibition, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is taking place at 100 towns across the UK.

It's a chance for each area to celebrate its sporting heritage, with artefacts and displays from its sporting history.

Mr Rusin added: "I'm very pleased my poster will be included, as it means I've done my bit."

On display: Robert Rusin's poster celebrating this year's Olympics

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IF YOU are an employee or owner of a business in Milton Keynes, there is still time to complete the broadband survey on the Milton Keynes Council website.

The business survey will be open until the end of this month. It is being carried out so the council can get an overview of broadband speed and usage so it can show a demand for a superfast connection in the future.

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Woman is assaulted as she sleeps on train

BY DAN PALMER
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POLICE are still hunting for a man who sexually assaulted a city woman who fell asleep on a train more than three months ago.

And they have now released an image of a man they believe may have 'crucial information' about the attack.

On September 26 the 32-year-old victim was sleeping on a service from London Euston to Milton Keynes Central when she suffered the 'traumatic' incident.

She awoke to find that the man sitting next to her was touching her inappropriately and immediately moved away from him.

The police were called once she had left the train in the city.

Officers have carried out a number of enquiries into the incident, including speaking to passengers and regulars at the station, carrying out anniversary visits, viewing CCTV footage and circulating images on police intelligence systems.

But they have so far drawn a blank and now the public are being called upon to help with their investigation.

Investigating officer DC Tony Ferris said: "While the victim was not physically injured, this was a very traumatic assault and we are treating the incident very seriously.

"If you have any information about the incident, please contact us.

"I also believe the man pictured in the CCTV image may have crucial information in relation to the incident and am appealing for him to come forward."

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Search: Police believe that this man has key information

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Joanne's marathon trip to help hospice

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A FUNDRAISER will be flying more than 10,000 miles just to compete in a marathon for a cause close to her heart.

Joanne Campbell, who currently lives in Perth, Australia, is flying 10,026 miles to run the Virgin London Marathon and raise funds for Willen Hospice, which cared for her aunt.

Joanne feels travelling for more than 24 hours and then pounding the streets of London for 26 miles is a fitting challenge to raise funds for the charity.

She said: "The hospice treated my aunt with such compassion, love and the utmost care while she lived out her last days, so this is my payback to say thank you to Willen Hospice for everything they did.

"The task of training for and running the marathon is extremely daunting, but the thought of the funds I have raised to support the team at Willen will keep me going right until the end."

The hospice is now calling on anyone else running the marathon who may want to support it to call and register their interest.

It is also asking for people to support it in the first Milton Keynes Marathon, which is taking place in April.

Willen Hospice marathon runners will get support, including a special running vest, the ability to connect with other runners through a Facebook page, and regular catch ups where they can get together and share training tips and receive advice.

For more information about running for Willen Hospice, contact Elaine on 01908 306991. For more details about the Milton Keynes Marathon, visit www.miltonkeynesmarathon.co.uk.

'Daunting': Joanne Campbell

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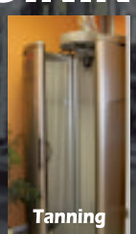

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TV show to take a look at safari park

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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ANIMALS from Woburn Safari Park will stampede into viewers' living rooms with the premiere of a 3D TV programme.

From February 4, the ten-part series Safari Park Adventure will air on Sky 3D revealing the drama, emotion and care involved in life at the park.

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Andrew Russell, the Duke of Bedford and owner of Woburn Safari Park, said: "We are proud to have the opportunity to showcase the precious collection of wild animals, including many critically endangered and threatened species, cared for at Woburn Safari Park.

"It's a fantastic chance for everyone to go behind the scenes and see the hard work and dedication of our team of keepers, including the special care taken to provide a fun and educational day out."

Taking it easy: A bear at Woburn Safari Park

The 3D cameras capture the daily lives of some of the world's most endangered wildlife, as well as demonstrating the lengths keepers have to go to provide the highest standard of welfare and safety for both wild residents and visitors.

John Cassy, Sky 3D's channel director, said: "Woburn offers an inspiring array of some of the world's most endangered wildlife and each animal has its own distinct personality.

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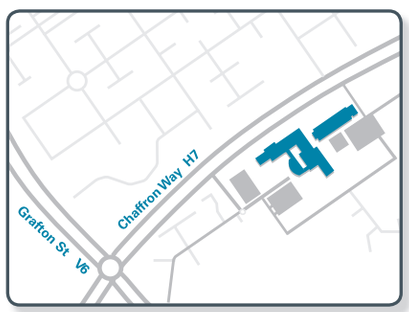

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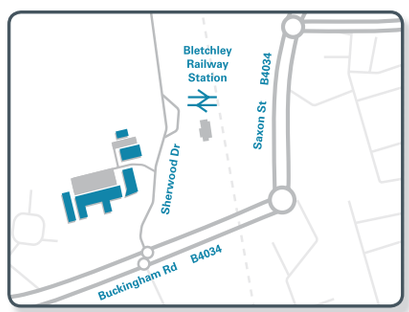

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STONY STRATFORD

STONYWORDS!8

Friday-Wednesday, February 1

STONY Stratford is putting on its reading glasses for Stonywords!8 - 13 days of events celebrating the art of words, illustrations and pictures.

My year in Ethiopia kicks of the festival on Friday with Vicki Shakeshaft describing her experiences while audiences enjoy doro wot (chicken and egg) and other Ethiopian food.

Tickets for the performance, at York House Centre, are available from Well Past It, Timor Court, for £8 (under 12s £5) and proceeds go to Vicki's charity.

Also on Friday, the Cock Hotel's Oak Room is hosting Singers Night, where you are invited to sing, play, dance, tell stories or just be part of the audience. Costs £2 and starts at 8.15pm.

The Cock is also staging True Stories Told Live on Saturday at 7.30pm. Any story can be told at this event, as long as it is true. Entry is free.

The translator of Hergie's Tintin, Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper, will be giving a talk at Stony Stratford Library on Monday at 3pm.

The library will also be staging a talk by Sue Minter on Tuesday, author of The Healing Garden and former Curator of the Chelsea Physics Garden, at 7pm.

Library events are free but tickets are needed, which are available from the venue.

Burns Night supper will be held at the Cock on Wednesday - a traditional meal served up with a good helping of The Scottish Bard's poems. Tickets cost £17.95 and are available from the hotel.

On Thursday, January 26 the library will host Dickens and the Pre-Raphaelites, a talk by Professor William Prescott on the

bi-century of Charles Dickens' birth.

On Friday, January 27 a host of local talent will pay homage to songwriter Jackson Brown at Running on Empty at the White Horse at 8.30pm.

If poetry is more your thing the Bull Hotel, Stables Bar, will be hosting Bard to Verse8, featuring The Speakeasy people, from 8pm. All styles of poetry are welcome; just email martin@writerbrock.co.uk if you want to perform.

Jim Loach's thought-provoking Oranges and Sunshine, a film about the deportation of children in care to Australia starring Emma Watson, will be shown at The Cock Hotel on Sunday, January 30 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £5 (£3 for concessions) and are available from the hotel.

On the following evening The Cock Hotel presents Gardening Women, a talk by Catherine Horwood about her book.

She will set the record straight on the overlooked lives of female gardeners such as Lady Mary Coke and Gertrude Jekyll, among others. Copies of the book will be available for signing.

For tickets email gifford11@btconnect.com, or call 01908 562025. Tickets cost £5 and the proceeds will go to Willen Hospice.

The festival is brought to a close with the Literary Stuff Quiz at the Cock Hotel, Marquee Suite, at 7.30pm on Wednesday, February 1.

In keeping with tradition, the questions will be written by last year's winners. Entry costs £5 for a team of four to six people. Email gifford11@btconnect.com, or call 01908 562025 for tickets.

Throughout the festival a Literary Stuff window display will be featured in the Oxfam shop in High Street. The festival will also pay tribute to illustrator Ronald Searle, who is best remembered as the creator of St Trinian's School and died on December 30.

Above Sue Minter Right: Catherine Horwood

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MADISON VIOLET

Tuesday, 8pm

MADISON Violet's distinct take on iconic Americana inspired up tempo melodies beautifully contrasts with their heartfelt (and often heartbreaking) lyrics.

Receiving huge acclaim, this duo has sold out venues across North America and Europe, sharing stages with Ron Sexsmith and The Indigo Girls.

Touring with their latest album, The Good In Goodbye, Madison Violet again prove they are among Canada's brightest singer-songwriters. Finding the good in goodbye is always bittersweet and the duo of Brenley MacEachern and Lisa MacIsaac can bare the truth to that with their latest release.

An album born from their growth, both together and apart, The Good in Goodbye is an open diary of their personal and professional experiences together as friends and musicians, two very unique relationships that affect each other in profound ways.

Since releasing their last album, No Fool for Trying (2009), Madison Violet have won the 2009 John Lennon Songwriting Contest for their track The Ransom and the 2009 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year.

Though Madison Violet seemingly made their mark in the last year or so, success was hard earned, spending up to eight months a year on the road since forming almost a decade ago.

This duo really do pull off the tricky task of combining dark thought provoking lyrics with upbeat melodies. Tickets £12.50.

For full Stables listings go to www.stables.org.

SIMON DARNELL

MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH U

Big Time Rush

ARE you old enough to remember the Stardust song of the same name?

If you do, you may be horrified to hear what's been done to it.

Stardust's song and a boy band are mutually incompatible, so somebody's polished the song and taken out the fiddly parts of it, such as the tune, personality and its rather distinctive sound.

However, that left a few gaps, so what would be the best things to replace them with?

Well, how about some generic lovey-dovey verses shoehorned around the original chorus?

If there is a single person who thinks this version is an improvement on the original, I'd be amazed.

ANTIDOTE

Swedish House Mafia vs Knife Party

FIRST off, the video is incredibly well done.

It depicts a robbery that initially goes to plan, but then degenerates into a desperate dash for the getaway car, all done from the perspective of one of the robbers.

The reason I mention the video before the song is that this also seems to have been the record label's priority.

There's a pretty good house track buried underneath the gunshots, shouting and screaming, but it's a distraction from what's happening on screen.

Shame really, because this is definitely one of Swedish House Mafia's better efforts; it's just a pity that most people will know it for the video that promoted it rather than how it sounds.

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BalletBoyz

MILTON Keynes Theatre is looking forward to some exciting one night shows in the coming weeks.

Fireman Sam, the hero next door, is back on tour with his live stage show Pontypandy Rocks on Sunday, January 29.

Join Sam and all his friends as Pontypandy hosts its first ever music festival. With great new songs, daring new rescues and more adventure than ever before, you won't want to miss this new live show.

Featuring a truly talented all-star cast of performers and musicians, Over The Rainbow: The Eva Cassidy Story on Monday, January 30 is an award-winning musical that captures the qualities of this wonderfully talented and spiritual song stylist.

One of the most exciting dance companies of the moment, BalletBoyz, return on Wednesday, February 1 as they embark on an even bigger, more electrifying tour with eight remarkable dancers.

Fresh from The Thick of It, Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You and his sell-out 2010 tour Chris Addison, the man who put the 'Chris Addison' into 'I see Chris Addison is touring again', is coming to MK on Thursday, February 2.

He's written new show The Time Is Now, Again specifically for Milton Keynes Theatre (and about 40 others, but the point still stands).

One of the world's most recognised spiritualist mediums and healers, Colin Fry, returns on Friday, February 3.

Even more comedy comes from Cornwall's ambassador of all things funny, Jethro, who will once again be taking audiences on a fun and wild journey in only a way that he can on Saturday, February 4.

Music lovers can look forward to dancing in the aisles with one of the nation's favourite rock 'n' roll variety shows That'll be the Day on Monday, February 6.

Tickets are available for all of these shows at Milton Keynes Theatre's box office.

Call 0844 8717652 (booking fee), or visit www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fee).

MK GALLERY

DARIA MARTIN: SENSORIUM TESTS

Friday until April 8

DARIA Martin's first solo exhibition in a UK public gallery presents a selection of short 16mm films made over the last ten years.

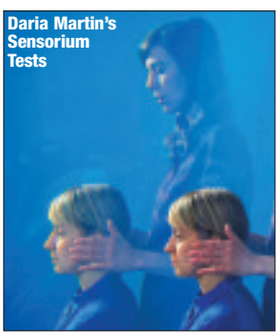
These include the premier of an ambitious new work, Sensorium Tests.

Throughout the ten year period, Martin has pursued an enquiry into numerous pressing issues relating to film, art and culture, including enchantment, voyeurs and artificial intelligence.

Martin's work often raises questions about what it means to be 'touched' by cinema and alternates playfully between luring the viewer through sensuous images and pushing them back into an awareness of watching a film.

This intentionally crafted push and pull, Martin says, is a reflection of the contradictions of the medium of film - its short-lived nature and sensuality together with a physical realisation of fantasy.

Combining elements of painting, sculpture, performance art,


Daria Martin's Sensorium Tests

dance, music and science, her casts frequently include musicians, choreographers and actors and practitioners of professions or members of subcultures not normally placed before the camera.

Martin was born in San Francisco in 1973 and studied humanities at Yale. She has been based in London since 2002 and has had solo exhibitions at venues including the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Kunsthalle, Zurich, Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, which toured to the New Museum, New York, and the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles.

Martin has also exhibited her films in venues such as the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and Tate Modern, London.

Her work is currently on view at the Pompidou in Paris and at Galleria Raffaella Cortese, Milan.

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM - REAR WINDOW

6.30pm

SELECTED by Daria Martin, a classic from thriller director Alfred Hitchcock.

Professional photographer L B 'Jeff' Jeffries breaks his leg while getting an action shot at an auto race. Confined to his New York apartment, he spends his time looking out of the rear window observing the neighbours. He begins to suspect that a man across the courtyard may have murdered his wife.

Tickets cost £5, concessions £3, from 01908 676900.

CITY LIMYS, XSCAPE

COMEDY CLUB

Thursday, January 26, 8.30pm

TO KICK start the new season, The Comedy Club is having a January Comedy Sale where you can enjoy a top live show and basket meal for just £12.95.

The cost may have been cut, but the talent hasn't been as this month host Kevin Shepherd introduces two more top class acts.

Opening comedian is the self styled rock and roll poet Paul B Edward, a tireless gigger with his unique brand of songs, jokes, poems and general banter.

The headline act is Chris McCausland from Sky One's Abnormally Funny People, *pictured*.

Like most graduates, he ended up in a call centre for three-and-a-half years trying to sell employment law manuals to people who all must have had faulty phones as he kept on getting cut off.

He's still doesn't really understand what happened and has ended up a stand-up comedian, comedy writer and actor. Well, he admits, the actor bit is debatable.

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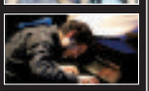
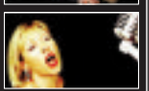

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FILM REVIEW

CORIOLANUS (15)

Synopsis: Shakespeare's tale gets the big screen treatment
Who's in it: Ralph Fiennes, Gerard Butler, Vanessa Redgrave

Coriolanus

IT MAY not be Shakespeare's most famous work but Coriolanus is still a fine play, so any attempt to bring it to the big screen should be welcomed.

Ralph Fiennes has tasked himself with the challenge as both actor and director in this modern take on the tragedy.

Coriolanus, a Roman war hero among his own people for his decisive victories over his enemies, is suddenly banished after running for political office and stamping down on the people.

In true Shakespeare tradition he is keen on revenge and to get it he joins forces with the very enemies he had once been fighting.

The language has been lifted straight from the play but the Balkan setting is more up to date and Fiennes does a stirling job of making this lesser know play relevant for a modern audience.

With subjects such as warfare and rioting being key it's easy to relate to what is going on and we should give Shakespeare credit here as that shows how timeless his work really is.

Having said that, Fiennes doesn't tinker with the play too much or steer away from its key themes like others have done with their recreations.

This means that those who feel that you shouldn't change the classics will also be left happy by this intriguing adaptation.

Any Shakespeare film needs a strong cast and Coriolanus has that, starting with Fiennes who is convincing as he portrays the tortured mind of the film's title character.

Also noteworthy are Gerard Butler, who is at his best as supposed enemy Aufidius, and Vanessa Redgrave who excels as Coriolanus' influencing mother. All in all this is well worth a watch. The story may have been written in the 1600s but it still has the ability to suck people in from the start.

Rating 7/10

THE SITTER (15)

Synopsis: A college reject whose life is going nowhere is appointed as a babysitter.
Who's in it: Jonah Hill, Max Records, Ari Graynor, Method Man

YOU only need to read the synopsis of this film to know that everything is going to end in tears.

Jonah Hill plays said reject Noah and quite how someone who was chucked off his course landed such a gig is anyone's guess, but we've got to go with it and stupid plots like this usually provide the odd laugh.

The Sitter does have its moments, but the storyline is so absurd that it becomes hard to take seriously, even for a comedy.

It's a bit like Home Alone but we don't get a young Macaulay Culkin setting up hilarious booby traps in a house.

We do get debauchery and hijinks, however, the film's not quite funny enough to get away if it - it just isn't big and it isn't clever.

Rating: 4/10

■ **For showing times of these films, plus others, visit www.mk-news.co.uk**

DANESBOROUGH CHORUS

WANT to give your creative side a boost while giving your lungs a good work out?

The Danesborough Chorus, which uses local churches for its practices and concerts, is looking for new singers to join.

It is now recruiting members, especially sopranos and basses, and rehearses on Wednesdays in Aspley Guise Village Hall at 7.45pm.

Rehearsals are just starting for the choir's Easter concert, to be performed on March 24 at Woburn Church.

Soprano Chris Crispus-Jones said: "Whatever your interests, your age or your occupation, you'll find kindred spirits here on Wednesday evenings.

"We are a friendly and varied group with a wide range of musical experience, brought together by our love of singing great music."

Conductor Ian Smith

To join the chorus you don't need a solo-quality voice or professional training. All you need is a reasonable ear for pitch, a sense of rhythm and the ability to follow written music.

Chris added: "Some experience of singing in a choir is useful but not essential.

"The two most important requirements are a willingness to watch our conductor Ian Smith and enthusiasm for learning to sing some of the best music ever written for voices."

If you are interested contact Chris on 07850 044812, or via www.danesborough.org.uk.

She'll invite you to come along to a few rehearsals to see how you find it and after a few weeks there will be an informal audition to check your voice and find out whether you need any help.

HEART FM COLUMN

BREAKFAST show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning on Heart FM and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

We've got some big right hooks of films out at the moment with The Iron Lady, staring the brilliant Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher, and Stephen Spielberg's adaptation of the book War Horse, which is already being tipped as a big Oscar winner

There's also lots of talk about Meryl's performance. She was nominated for a Bafta just after winning a Golden Globe and is waiting to discover if she's won an Oscar.

One of her co-stars, Richard E Grant, told us: "If Meryl doesn't get one I don't understand how it works, she's astonishing."

Jim Broadbent, who plays Dennis Thatcher, added: "Meryl was more wonderful than I could have hoped. She's such a star."

And of course we got to hear from the remarkable lady herself.

Meryl said of the film: "People will look at is as a story of a woman, a singular woman, from very simple origins who managed to be the first female elected leader in the western world.

"It's really a look at her life through her own eyes at the end of her life, at the end of her power."

What we found slightly odd was how she described herself once she was made up and in character.

She said: "I looked like my dad who was a very handsome man!"

Beyonce and Jay Z have had a baby girl called Blue Ivy.

If you'd like to come up with your own Beyonce baby name the trick is to use the colour of your first car and your favourite flower!

Natalie's would be maroon ranuncula and Stuart's is white pansy.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday from 6am-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

COMPETITION

FANCY getting into shape in 2012?

FIT4LIFE Gym at The Kingfisher Club, Deanshanger, is offering two lucky MK NEWS readers free gym memberships, personal training and all the support they need to achieve a great waistline and feel fantastic, inside and out, ready for the summer.

This fabulous prize includes four months free joint membership (two people, friends or family) at FIT4LIFE Gym, plus all the help you need to give you the confidence to fulfill your goals.

Matt Darnell, FIT4LIFE owner and personal trainer, said: "We are a little different at FIT4LIFE. I have tried to create a relaxed and supportive environment for exercise here at the club where members feel looked after.

"We do not have the hardcore crowd here and no posers. We are a gym for those that don't like gyms."

FIT4LIFE offers a variety of additional health and fitness services, as well as gym memberships, personal training, boxing pad sessions and nutrition consultations.

And new for 2012, FIT4LIFE is hiring the whole club out after hours, ideal for weight-loss clubs or groups of friends looking to have an entire gym all to themselves.

"If you have been put off by gyms in the past for any reason, give us a try," added Matt.

"We always get results but we do it at your pace. So why not enter this competition to experience what we can do for you."

For more information about the club, plus photos and prices, visit www.fit4lifemk.co.uk, or call Matt on 07976 245433.

FIT4LIFE also has a free advice page on social networking site Facebook, offering weekly tips, health information and answers to health and fitness questions.

Plus, if you join the FIT4LIFE Facebook page you can receive a free visit to the club.

To enter this fantastic competition just answer this simple question.

Where is the FIT4LIFE Gym? a) The Kingfisher Club, b) The Cormorant Club or c) The Kookaburra Club.

Send your answer, together with your name, address and contact telephone number, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU, or email competitions@mk-news.co.uk.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, January 25 and the winners will be notified. The editor's decision is final.

Terms and conditions: Entrants must be over 18 years old and not a current or former FIT4LIFE member.

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

PATCHWORK Club. Meet like-minded stitchers, 7.30-9.30pm, at Threads and Patches, Watling Street, Fenny Stratford. Suitable for beginners, £3.10 a session. Call 01908 649687, or e-mail threadsandpatches@gmail.com.

BOKWA Fitness, Medbourne Sports Pavilion, Pascal Drive, 6-7pm. Cardio respiratory endurance, muscular strength and flexibility. Costs £5 per class. See www.bokwa-mk.co.uk. Also Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays.

FRIDAY

TEEN Reads Reading Group, Bletchley Library. For 12 to 15-year-olds, 4-5pm, e-mail central.library@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

MK MANGA Club, Central Libaray, 6-7.45pm. Activities relating to the Chinese New Year. For more information, call 01908 254050, or e-mail central.library@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

MONKEYKETTLE presents Down in the Cellar Open Mic, Open University, Cellar Bar, 7pm. Enjoy a wide variety of acts. All acoustic acts welcome.

SATURDAY

MK RAMBLERS' 11-mile circular from Little Houghton, Northants. Meet at 9am in the car park behind the Medical Centre, High Street, Newport Pagnell, for a lift share to Little Houghton. Bring a packed lunch. More details from 07952 042379.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS' North Bucks Way - Part 2. Meet at 8am at the Windmill Pub car park at Caldecotte Lake. A 12 to 13-mile linear walk from Great Horwood to Waddesdon. Half empty cars needed to help with transport. More details from 07743 133858.

WEDDING Fayre, Kingfisher Country Club, Deanshanger. Free, 11am to 4pm. More information at www.urchinevents.co.uk.

OPEN Mic Night, SNO!bar, Xscape. Showcase your talent in music, poetry or comedy. Free, 7.30pm.

BUFFERING, Madcap Theatre, Wolverton. Featuring the Compendium DJs and an open mic and spotlight. Free entry, licensed bar, 18-plus, 6pm.

MONDAY

QUIZ Night, The Barge, Woolstone. Starts 8.30pm, £1 per player, 50 per cent to Willen Hospice.

TUESDAY

NO ART Barred Open Mic Art, WatershedMK, Tickford Arcade, Newport Pagnell. Open to all abilities and arts on a first come, first served basis. From 7.30pm, e-mail andozka@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY

OPEN Film Society, City of Life and Death. Old Lecture Theatre, Walton Hall, 7pm. More information from www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

Leisure or events news? e-mail **editor@mk-news.co.uk** | phone **01908 689595**

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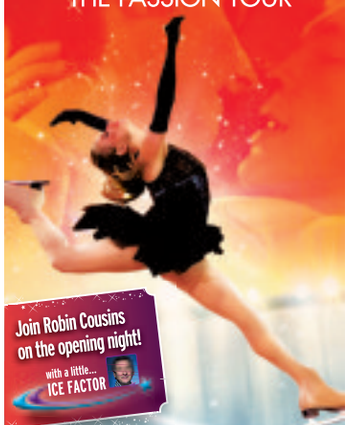

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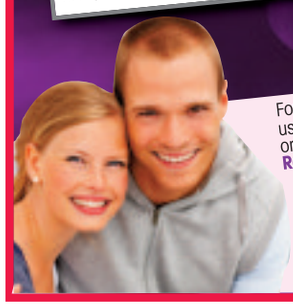

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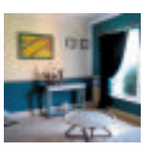

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- Bathroom

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Greenleys **OIEO £110,000**

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- New boiler & carpets
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- Re-fitted Bathroom
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- Kitchen
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- Two En suites
- Viewing is a Must

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- Four Bedroom Property
- Village Location
- Character Property
- Three Brick Built Store Barns
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- Victorian Property
- Sought After Location
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- Character Property
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
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- Detached Bungalow
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- Kitchen/Diner
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- Flat
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- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

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Racecourses **£170,000**

- Three Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Driveway

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Bletchley **£140,000**

- Extended
- Three Bed End of Terrace
- Dining room
- Wet room
- Front & rear Gardens
- Car Port and Driveway

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Bletchley **£200,000**

- 1930's style semi-detached
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Bletchley **£230,000**

- Recently Re-furbished
- Extended Three Bed Terraced
- Re-fitted Downstairs Cloakroom
- Study/Play room
- Gardens & Parking
- No Upper Chain

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Cottingham Grove **Guide £200,000**

- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Good sized rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No upper chain

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Fenny Stratford **Guide £110,000**

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Good Location
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated parking
- No upper chain

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Bletchley **£154,995**

- Three/Four Bed
- Semi-detached
- Double Glazing (w/s)
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- Two Reception rooms

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Bletchley **Guide £126,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Mid-terrace
- Low maintenance Garden
- Lounge/Dining room
- Double glazing
- Radiator heating

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Bletchley **Guide £155,000**

- Extended
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Separate Receptions
- Kitchen & Utility
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- Driveway & Garage

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- Ready now
- Five Bedroom barn style home
- Detached garage
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- PART EXCHANGE

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BROUGHTON CATCHMENT £248,495

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- Boasting patio doors onto the garden
- Part Exchange available
- Allocated parking space
- Ideally located on the eastern edge of Milton Keynes

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NEW PLOTS AVAILABLE £245,000

- Four bedroom new home
- Semi detached house
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Intergrated kitchen appliances
- Near Caldecotte lake/ Kingston centre
- Undercroft parking and parking space

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FAMILY NEW HOME £295,000

- Five bedroom family home
- Three new schools on development
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- 181 acres of parks and open space
- Safe family environment
- Thriving new community

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THE GOOD LIFE £149,950

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- Within walking distance of Bletchley station
- Intergrated kitchen appliances
- Great specification throughout
- Ideal for commuters or first time buyers
- Allocated parking spaces

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CANALSIDE APARTMENT £142,749

- Two bedroom ground floor apartment
- Double aspect living room with Juliet balcony
- Offered with the incentive of 5% deposit paid
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- Located on the northern edge of Milton Keynes
- Short distance from train station

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RARE OPPORTUNITY £215,000

- Three bedroom, detached new home
- Highest specification
- Wardrobes in two bedrooms
- Patio doors onto the garden
- Brick car store with parking
- Situated in popular Newport Pagnell

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FLEXIBLE LIVING £280,449

- Five bedroom semi detached new home
- Downstairs could be used as annex
- Study and en-suite to master bedroom
- Ideally located in East Milton Keynes
- Garage with parking
- VIEWHOME AVAILABLE NOW

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FLEXIBLE FAMILY LIVING £249,950

- Four bedrooms, 2 ensuites
- Kitchen/diner onto the garden
- Set in popular Olney village
- Spacious lounge with bay window
- Two parking spaces
- PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

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Emerson Valley Guide £400,000

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Wc & Utility
Kitchen/breakfast room
Three reception rooms
Master Ensuite
Double Garage

North Furzton Guide £410,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Five Bedroom Detached
Cul-de-Sac Location
Two Reception Rooms
Kitchen/Breakfast Room
En Suite to Master Bedroom
Double Garage

North Furzton Guide £300,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Detached family home
Four bedrooms
En suite to master
Separate receptions
Gardens to front and rear
Double garage

Newton Longville Guide £250,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Three Bedrooms
Detached
Extended
Double Glazing
Central Heating
Garage

Wavendon Gate OIEO £190,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
Set On A Corner Plot
Cloakroom
South Westerly Facing Garden
Enclosed Rear Garden
Driveway & Garage Providing Off Road Parking

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Downhead Park Guide £172,500

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Three Bedroom Detached
Double Glazing
Gas Central Heating
Front & Rear Gardens
Garage
Veiwing is Highly Recommended

Bletchley OIEO £145,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Two Bedroom Apartment
Close To The Train Station
Lounge/Diner
Master En suite
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking

Tattenhoe Guide £185,000

MAKE AN OFFER

End of terrace home
Three bedrooms
Lounge/diner
Kitchen
Gardens
Single garage

Hodgelea OIEO £120,000

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Two/Three Bedroom
Terraced Home
Double Glazing
Gas Radiator heating (where specified)
Cloakroom
Off Road Parking

West Bletchley OIEO £85,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Top floor flat
Three bedrooms
Kitchen/diner
Lounge
Re-fitted bathroom
Cloakroom

Downhead Park Guide £165,000

MAKE AN OFFER

Extended semi detached
Three bedrooms
Bedroom four/family room
Downstairs cloakroom
Kitchen/diner
Front and rear gardens

Ashland Guide £230,000

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Three Bedrooms
Three Storey Town House
Popular Location
Master Ensuite
Double Glazing
Allocated Parking

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Denton £179,000

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Newport Pagnell £189,000

Three Bedroom
Semi-Detached
Driveway & Garage
Re-fitted Wet Room
Conservatory
Enclosed Rear Garden
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Newport Pagnell £140,000

Two Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen/Dining Room
Shower Room
Front And Rear Garden
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Olney £250,000

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Garage
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Silver Street £185,000

Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
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Refitted Kitchen
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Lavendon O.I.E.O £215,000

Three Bedroom Detached Property
Lounge
Kitchen
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Family Bathroom
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Newport Pagnell O.I.E.O £340,000

Four Bedroom Detached Property
Popular Cul-De-Sac Location
Conservatory
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Double Garage
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Olney £185,000

Four Bedrooms Semi Detached
Conservatory
Generous Rear Garden
Off Road Parking
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Bozeat £210,000

Three Bedrooms Bungalow
Kitchen/Diner
Lounge
Study
Rear Garden
Garage
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Newport Pagnell Guide Price £325,000

Four Bedroom Detached
Double Garage
Double Glazing
Front & Rear Gardens
Cul De Sac Location
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Newport Pagnell Guide Price £125,000

Ground Floor Apartment
Two Bedrooms
Kitchen
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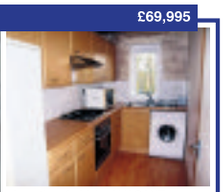
FISHERMEAD £69,995



A partly refurbished VACANT second floor flat still in need of further modernisation comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and SINGLE GARAGE.

STANTONBURY £69,950

A VACANT first floor flat IN NEED OF MODERNISATION. The property is ideally suited to both the investment and first time buyer. KEYS IN OFFICE - VIEW NOW!!

WESTCROFT £122,500

A well presented cluster home enjoying pleasant views to the front benefiting from REPLACEMENT PVCu DOUBLE GLAZING ideally suited to both investors and first time buyers. MUST BE VIEWED!!!

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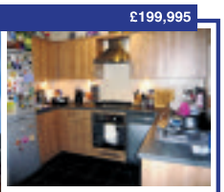
OXLEY PARK £199,995



A well presented end of terrace family home with hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, master bedroom with en suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, garage and gardens.

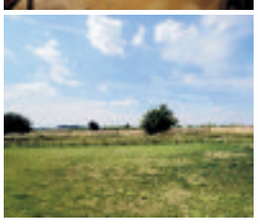
DETACHED BUNGALOW IN NEWPORT PAGNELL OFFERS OVER £200,000

Located in a cul de sac and offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this much improved detached bungalow. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, REFITTED KITCHEN, three bedrooms, REFITTED BATHROOM, single garage, ample off road parking and low maintenance gardens to front and rear. Newport Pagnell is located to the North East of Milton Keynes and has it's own High Street boasting a wide range of shops, pubs and restaurants.

DOWNHEAD PARK £450,000

A well presented detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout comprising cloakroom, THREE RECEPTIONS, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility, conservatory, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (master with en suite) and a bathroom. Outside there is an enclosed rear garden and ample off road parking leading to a double garage. The house is located within walking distance of shops, schools and parks making this an ideal purchase for a growing family.

OXLEY PARK - MUST BE VIEWED OFFERS OVER £550,000



Set at the end of a cul de sac OVERLOOKING OPEN COUNTRYSIDE is this stone built executive detached family home. Beautifully presented, the property offers spacious accommodation throughout with three reception rooms, cloakroom, utility room and a kitchen/breakfast room to the ground floor. On the first floor there are FIVE BEDROOMS (two with en suites and master with dressing room) and a family bathroom. There are gardens to the front and rear, a driveway providing ample parking leading to a double garage. Above the double garage there is an annexe/studio ideal for use as a home office.

OLD STRATFORD - NEW TO THE MARKET AND MUST BE VIEWED £314,995

Located in a cul de sac of similar properties is this well presented detached family home benefiting from double glazing and gas radiator central heating. The property offers good size accommodation throughout and comprises cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, four bedrooms (two with en suites) and a family bathroom. Outside there is an enclosed garden to the rear, a double garage and a driveway providing ample off road parking.

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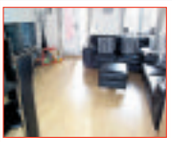
WOLVERTON £195,000

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- Converted full cellar
- Open fireplace in lounge
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Upstairs bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Off road rear parking

WOLVERTON MILL £215,000

NEW



- 4 bedroom link-detached
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Kitchen with built in appliances
- Sealed unit double glazed windows
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge/diner
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens

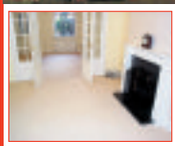
NEW BRADWELL £142,000

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- Victorian style mid terrace house
- Lounge/diner
- Double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Downstairs bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- No upper chain

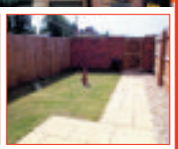
WOLVERTON £170,000

REDUCED



- 3 double bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Completely re-decorated
- Brand new carpets
- Upstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazing (w/s)
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom

WOLVERTON £169,995



- 3 double bedrooms
- Double bay fronted Townhouse
- Built in 2006 by Tegan Homes
- Fitted kitchen with built in appliances
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Double glazed sash windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Allocated parking space

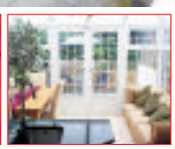
PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £192,500

NEW

- 3 double bedrooms
- Original features
- Converted full cellar
- Open fireplaces
- Professionally sanded & lacquered floorboards
- UPVC double glazing
- Upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted downstairs shower room
- Re-fitted kitchen
- No upper chain

COSGROVE £175,000



- Two bedrooms
- Stone built cottage
- Approx. 300 years old
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Re-fitted kitchen with granite worktops
- UPVC double glazed Conservatory
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Storage barns

WOLVERTON £190,000

- 3 bed extended semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- UPVC double glazing
- Off road rear parking
- Backing onto Wolverton Recreation Grounds

GREENLEYS £120,000

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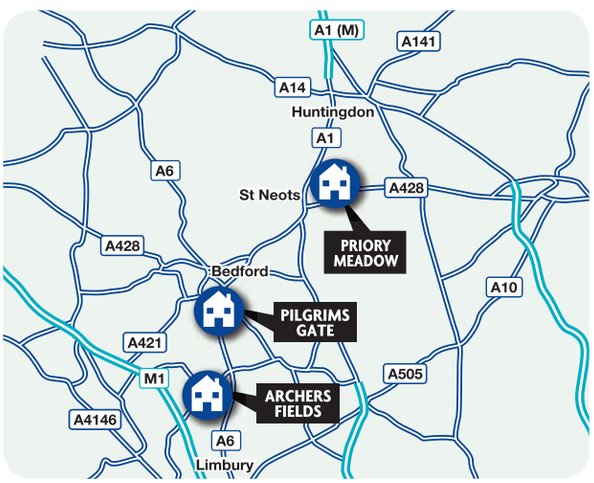

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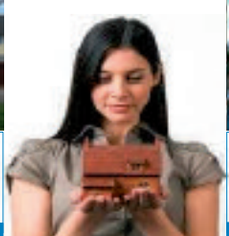

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Closing date for applications: - Tuesday 31st January 2012 - 12 noon
Interview date: - Wednesday 8th February

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Closing date: Tuesday 31st January 2012

Head of History and Politics

Required from September 2012

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an inspirational teacher of History and Politics with the experience and confidence to lead a very successful History and Politics Department from September 2012. An ability to teach across the age range, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme will be expected. In addition, the candidate will possess excellent communication skills as well as the ability to model good practice. Committed to achieving high standards of teaching and learning, successful candidates should be expected to make a full contribution to the co-curricular life of the school.

The Bedford Charity salary scale applies. Benefits currently include fee remission and free membership of BUPA.

Closing date: Tuesday 24th January 2012

Admissions Manager

Required from February 2012

Full Time Salary: £26,082 - £27,806

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Closing date: Monday 23rd January 2012

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Required from February 2012

Part Time: 25 hours per week, Term Time Only

Salary: £16,641 pa to £17,809 pa FTE pro rata dependant on experience

The HR Assistant is a generalist role providing effective HR administration support to the management team and staff and the HR Advisor. The successful candidate must have excellent attention to detail and be able to multi task. The post will include recruitment, induction, central register management, performance management, sickness absence and holiday administration.

Closing date: Monday 30th January 2012

An application form and detailed job descriptions and person specifications for each of these posts can be downloaded from the Connected Community / Employment Opportunities link on our website: www.bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk or requested by email from hr@bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk.

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For further details and an application pack please visit our website at www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk on the news/vacancies page. Tel: 01234 290200, email: mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk

Closing date: Midday, Tuesday 24th January 2012.
Interview date: w/c Monday 30th January 2012.

Stephenson Lower School
Canvin Way, Bedford MK42 0HL

Inclusion Lead

MPS + TLR2 + SEN
Full-time, non-teaching
Required April 2012

You will:
- Be an experienced and successful practitioner
- Be committed to high quality learning and teaching
- Have a secure knowledge and solid understanding of the Inclusion Agenda
- Be able to demonstrate support of personal development of children.

Teaching and Learning Numeracy Lead/ Class Teacher

MPS + TLR2
Full-time
Required April 2012

You will:
- Be an experienced and successful middle or senior leader
- Be committed to high quality learning and teaching
- Have a secure knowledge and solid understanding of the Numeracy Curriculum
- Have excellent organisational skills to lead Numeracy across the school.

Early Years and Foundation Stage Leader/ Class Teacher

MPS + TLR2
Full-time
Required April 2012

You will:
- Be an experienced and excellent middle or senior leader
- Have secure knowledge and solid understanding of the Foundation Stage Curriculum
- Demonstrate experience of supporting personal development of children
- Have excellent organisational skills to lead the Early Years/ Foundation team.

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Closing date for Stephenson roles: 10.00am, Friday 27th January 2012.

Wilstead Lower School
Cotton End Road, Wilstead MK45 3BX

Class Teacher

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Required from April 2012

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Closing date for Wilstead roles: 9.00am, Monday 30th January 2012.
Interview date for Wilstead roles: Wednesday 8th February 2012

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Further details are available from
The Head Master, Bedford School
De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU
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Email: rblake@bedfordschool.org.uk

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website (www.bedfordschool.org.uk) Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Wednesday 25th February 2012. Please note that CVs will not be considered.

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

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Closing Date
25th January 2012

Interview Date
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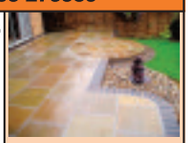

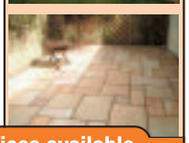

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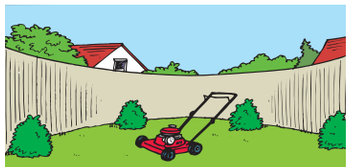

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE/ CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that: The Parks Trust has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE/ CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE At Campbell Park, Canalside. The following licensable activities are proposed to hold a large gathering of 501+ people and the sale/consumption of alcohol during the following times: Monday-Saturday 9.00-23.00. Sunday 9.00am to 22.00pm April-September inclusive. Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date **15th February 2012**: To the following address:

LICENSING TEAM, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ 01908 252800 email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this appliation will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Dated this 18th day of January 2012.

Milton Keynes Council

DESIGNATION OF STREETS IN WHICH TRADING IS PROHIBITED

Notice of Intention to designate streets in which trading is prohibited. Notice is hereby given that the Milton Keynes Council intends to pass a Resolution to prohibit trading under paragraph 2(1)(a) Schedule of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

All streets listed below including roads, footways, forecourts or other areas adjacent to the streets referred to in this proposal for a distance of 60 metres from each street and shown on the map for identification purposes only which can be examined at the Licensing Team, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

Streets designated as prohibited by the Council with effect from 1st May 2010 continue to apply.

Representations should be made in writing to Phil Winsor, Assistant Director, Milton Keynes Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, no later than 14th February 2012.

Schedule1 Proposed Prohibited Street

Broughton

Bewdley Grove, Cavan Way, Dean Forest Way, Kelling Way, London Road, Oakworth Avenue, Oxenhope Way, Swanwick Lane, Tanfield Lane

Philip Winsor, Assistant Director

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(CAWKWELL WAY, BLETCHLEY (PARTS) AND ADJACENT FOOTWAY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends in not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because of works, namely the positioning of a crane and cherry picker in order to carry out the fitting of balcony rails to a new building at Cawkwell Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit access along that length of Cawkwell Way together with the adjacent footway commencing from its junction with Princes Way, Bletchley, continuing for a distance of approximately 15 metres in a general westerly direction. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 7.00 am on Monday 30 January 2012 until 4.30 pm on Friday 10 February 2012.

Whilst the road is temporarily closed the alternative route will be via Cambridge Street for southbound traffic, continuing into Westfield Road, then easterly along Findlay Way to Lennox Road, then northerly along Lennox Road to Princes Way, and vice versa for northbound traffic.

Whilst the footway is temporarily closed the alternative route will be via the opposite footway.

The alternative routes will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and advance information signs will be placed at either end of the lengths of road and footway to be closed a few days before the works are due to take place.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The Order will come into operation on 30 January 2012 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 18 January 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES ZEBRA PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON SILVER STREET, STONY STRATFORD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to establish a pedestrian crossing under section 23(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act).

The type of crossing will be a **Zebra** pedestrian crossing, the construction of which will be carried out in accordance with the manner prescribed by regulations under section 25 of the Act.

The Zebra crossing will be located on Silver Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes. The crossing will commence at a point approximately 17.8 metres north-west of the centre line of its junction with Oxford Street and will run for a distance of approximately 2.4 metres in a north-westerly direction. The centre point will be at approximately 19 metres north-west of the centre line of its junction with Oxford Street. The width of the crossing will be 2.4 metres and the length will run from the south-western kerbline to the north-eastern kerbline.

Representations about the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing** to the Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Milton Keynes Council, PO Box 111, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HG **to be received** by 8 February 2012 quoting reference BAS-P&E-004762-1888. Any representations received will be taken into consideration before the implementation of the scheme.

There will be a Notice incorporating a map showing the location of this crossing on display at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Stony Stratford Library, 5-7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes and at the site itself from 18 January 2012.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 18 January 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

PUBLIC NOTICE
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
SCHEME OF COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES
2012-2013

Under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required to have in place a scheme of allowances covering the provision of Basic, Special Responsibility and Child Care and Dependent Carers' allowances for councillors. The Council can also make provision for the payment of a travel and subsistence allowance for councillors.

As part of the Scheme of Allowances all councillors will receive a Basic Allowance of £9,863 per annum.

Special Responsibility Allowances will also be paid for the following roles at the rates stated per annum:

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Chair of Executive Scrutiny	£4,368
Independent Chair of Standards Committee	£3,226
Co-opted Members of Committees	£634
Mayor's Allowance	£10,647
Deputy Mayor's Allowance	£5,324

As part of the Scheme, a Child Care Allowance may be claimed in appropriate cases at the current hourly rate for the National Minimum Wage for up to a maximum of 5 hours in any 24 hour period. A Dependent Carers' Allowance of £10 per hour may be claimed for up to a maximum of 5 hours in any 24 hour period.

Re-imbursement to councillors for travel and subsistence will be paid at the current rates agreed by the National Joint Council for the re-imbursement of Council Officers.

The above Scheme will be in force from 1 April 2012 until 31 March 2013.

Full details are contained in the published "Scheme of Councillors' Allowances" which can be inspected at the Civic Offices, Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, during standard office hours of 9.00 am - 5.15 pm, Monday to Friday.

Details can also be found on the Council's website at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your_council .

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER
IMPORTANT – THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BRIDLEWAY 10, HANSLOPE) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2011

On 16th January, 2012, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes confirmed the above order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the order as confirmed is to divert the bridleway running from point A at OS grid reference SP 480 532 248 387 in a north- north-east direction for a distance of approximately 360 metres to point C at OS grid reference SP 480 606 248 733 as shown on the order map, to a line running from point A on the order map at OS grid reference SP 480 532 248 387 in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 285 metres to point B at OS grid reference SP 480 383 248 596. The new bridleway will have a tarmac surface with gravel and the width will be 3 metres throughout.

A copy of the order as confirmed and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and also at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, during normal opening hours. Copies of the order and map may be purchased from the Civic Offices at the price of £3.00.

The order was made on the 27th September, 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980 as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 18th January, 2012, make an application to the High Court.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 18 January 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00006/FUL	Alteration to building to form store room (retrospective) at Woburn Sands Social Club, Club Lane, Woburn Sands.
12/00007/ADV	Advertisement consent for 1 illuminated fascia sign and 1 illuminated hanging sign at 23 High Street, Woburn Sands.
12/00011/FUL	Erection of first floor front extension and provision of pitched roof over existing flat roofed single storey front extension at 75 Church Green Road, Bletchley.
12/00023/TCA	Notification of intention to pollard avenue of Lime trees back to original pollard junction at land at St Pauls Court, Stony Stratford.
12/00026/TCA	Notification of intention to pollard eight Lime trees to original pollard junction at The Bell House, 35 High Street, Lavendon.
12/00039/OUT	Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission 03/00878/OUT in order to extend the time limit for 5 years for residential development (outline) at land off Nevill Close, Hanslope.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

11/02554/LBC	Listed building consent for general alterations and repairs to the roof, windows and stonework, and the replacement of 4 windows (part-retrospective) at The School House, 6 Milton Road, Willen.
11/02773/LBC	Listed building consent for internal alterations to dwelling (retrospective) at 20 High Street, Olney.
11/02775/FUL	Erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement windows at first floor level at the rear; revision to foul water drainage system and the removal of a Saniflow toilet system in bathroom at 57 High Street, Olney.
11/02776/LBC	Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement windows at first floor level at the rear; revision to foul water drainage system and the removal of a Saniflow toilet system in bathroom at 57 High Street, Olney.
12/00029/LBC	Listed building consent for the conversion of existing buildings to 3 dwellings, associated amenity and parking at Clare Stables, Vicarage Road, Stony Stratford.
12/00050/FUL	Alterations and adaptation of internal layout; provide a new external fire escape; general refurbishment of two bars, function rooms and associated back of house areas; new pergola, fire pit and closed boarded timber fence and external decorations of previously painted areas at the Bull Hotel, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford.
12/00051/LBC	Listed building consent to alter and adapt internal layout; provide a new external fire escape; general refurbishment of two bars, function rooms and associated back of house areas; new pergola, fire pit and closed boarded timber fence and external decorations of previously painted areas at the Bull Hotel 64 High Street, Stony Stratford.

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11/02831/FUL	Conversion of agricultural buildings to one dwelling and associated landscaping at Dovecote Farm, Turvey Road, Astwood.
12/00017/LBC	Listed building consent for the conversion of agricultural buildings to one dwelling and associated landscaping at Dovecote Farm, Turvey Road, Astwood.

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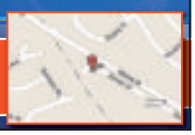

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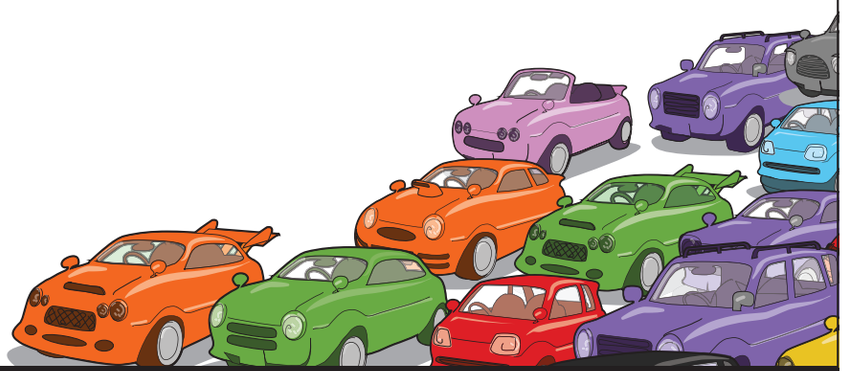

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AUG 20	CHESTERFIELD (H)	W 6-2
AUG 23	NORWICH (A) CC2	W 4-0
AUG 27	STEVENAGE (H)	W 1-0
AUG 30	BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D 3-3
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SEP 3	CARLISLE (A)	W 3-1
SEP 10	SHEFF WED (A)	L 3-1
SEP 17	HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D 1-1
SEP 20	BURNLEY (A) CC3	L 2-1
SEP 24	BURY (A)	D 0-0
SEP 27	CHARLTON (H)	D 1-1
OCT 1	NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W 3-0
OCT 10	OLDHAM (A)	L 2-1
OCT 15	BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D 2-2
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JAN 7	QPR (H) FAC3	D 1-1
JAN 17	QPR (A) FAC3R	L 1-0
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MK SUNDAY LEAGUE

ONLY one game survived the weather in the Premier League, which is sponsored by New City Heating.

CS Athletic defeat Loughton Athletic 2-0 to strengthen their hold on fourth place in the division.

In Division One, Stoke Hammond moved to within one point of the leaders with a 7-2 win against Punjab Utd.

FC MMIX and Stantonbury Social B also closed the gap on the leaders with 2-0 and 3-1 victories against New City Saints and MK Utd respectively.

The league table is extremely congested and there are now only two points separating the top five teams in the division, with Olney Town still leading the way.

MK Dons fitness coach Damien Doyle stands in for John Gorman this week

I'M NOT necessarily the most popular person when I take training but the players understand that it is there for their benefit.

There's no-one who ever refuses or has a problem with it, they just don't necessarily enjoy the pain.

We could have a Saturday-Tuesday schedule for the next three weeks so the job is more about maintenance.

It's not about trying to work on fitness elements because they get the huge hits during the games, so everything we do during the next couple of weeks is all about recovery strategies.

The emphasis switches to less time on the training pitch and less unnecessary exertion of their energies, although the lads who don't get a full 90 minutes will be on slightly different training regimes.

Training is analysed every day and consistently at the top of the tree are Luke Chadwick, Stephen Gleeson and Shaun Williams.

They will always be up there showing the most amount of training effect, but sometimes we have to put the breaks on and try to keep things at a lesser level rather than just pushing them every day.

We think that we can always keep the players going for 90 minutes so it's about trying to keep them at their highest potential for the 90 minutes.

We want to be fitter than everybody else, run faster, recover quicker and do everything that we possibly can.

Every player is individually progressed and everyone has their strengths in different areas.

Some are better at aerobic work, some are better at powerful and explosive work and we improve these areas but also try and work on the weaknesses.

They have a different programme each day, so from Monday to Sunday there is a different emphasis.

Whether that's about recovery times, sleep patterns or food intake there is a different goal to achieve.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	25	7	4	0	26	8	10	2	2	24	11	31	57
2	Sheffield Utd	26	10	2	2	33	16	6	3	3	19	11	25	53
3	Huddersfield	26	8	4	1	22	11	5	7	1	30	14	27	50
4	Sheffield Wed	25	9	2	1	25	11	6	2	5	20	21	13	49
5	MK DONS	24	6	5	1	24	13	7	2	3	24	12	23	46
6	Stevenage	25	5	4	3	17	12	6	4	3	21	10	16	41
7	Carlisle	25	6	3	3	23	21	5	5	3	17	17	2	41
8	Brentford	26	4	5	5	17	18	5	5	2	14	12	1	37
9	Bournemouth	26	4	2	6	12	16	6	5	3	21	17	0	37
10	Preston	25	5	3	5	23	26	5	2	5	17	18	-4	35
11	Bury	25	4	3	5	14	18	6	1	6	18	21	-7	34
12	Colchester	25	5	5	3	23	23	3	4	5	12	16	-4	33
13	Hartlepool	26	3	2	8	10	16	6	4	3	20	18	-4	33
14	Notts County	25	6	3	2	22	14	3	2	9	19	25	2	32
15	Leyton Orient	26	4	4	6	14	19	4	4	4	14	19	-10	32
16	Oldham	25	5	2	5	16	16	3	5	5	16	21	-5	31
17	Tranmere	25	5	5	3	13	10	3	1	8	14	21	-4	30
18	Exeter	26	4	5	4	13	14	2	3	8	11	25	-15	26
19	Scunthorpe	25	2	5	5	18	22	2	7	4	14	17	-7	24
20	Walsall	26	3	6	5	14	18	1	6	5	11	14	-7	24
21	Yeovil	26	4	2	8	17	24	1	7	4	11	18	-14	24
22	Wycombe	26	3	2	8	14	24	2	3	8	16	25	-19	20
23	Rochdale	25	2	6	5	14	22	2	2	8	10	24	-22	20
24	Chesterfield	26	2	5	6	13	18	1	3	9	17	30	-18	17

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 1 DONS 0

BIG EFFORT: Charlie MacDonald was a nuisance to Anton Ferdinand and the QPR defence all evening

Plucky Dons' cup dreams squashed

FROM BACK PAGE

that their spell of pressure had resulted in a goal but referee Phil Dowd ruled out Shaun Derry's close range header for a foul on the keeper.

The home side were angered and nearly found themselves behind when MacDonald evaded the offside trap following a long pass.

He seemed well set to dispatch a finish at Kenny's far post but he somehow dragged the ball too far wide of the upright with the outside of his boot.

It might have been a different story with the inside of the foot and Wright-Phillips then missed a one-on-one of his own at the other end thanks to Martin who brilliantly tipped his shot wide.

Dons were well involved in what was an even game and with a two division gap again not evident, they knew that stepping up a gear in the second half could well lead to an upset, with QPR looking there for the taking.

The hosts were unable to assert themselves on their League One opponents and Smith forced a nervous clearance with some excellent play around Kenny's goal shortly after the restart.

Smith, who was causing QPR endless problems, then delivered another cross of real quality but Jabo Ibehre could only send the ball wide from right in front of goal when he seemed poised for a tap-in.

Dons had their hosts on the ropes and mounted a wave of attacks as they began to slice through Hughes' charges on a regular basis.

Gleeson's arrowed drive was again only inches away and Smith also drove wide while Martin remained as a virtual spectator at the other end.

Hughes had a strained look on his face as Dons refused to lower the tempo but the underdogs couldn't afford to keep missing chances and out of nothing, they were made to pay.

A stunning diving save from Martin was required to keep out Akos Buzsaky's dipping free-kick and from the corner that followed Gabbidon thumped home a header which found the net via Chadwick's leg. It was more than harsh on Dons who were well on top – as they were in the first match – but they had failed to breakthrough when presented with more than presentable opportunities.

The goal seemed to suck the wind out of the visitors' sails and QPR, who had barely threatened, easily saw out the tie to ensure that them, and not Dons, will face Chelsea in the fourth round.

QPR: Kenny, Hill, Derry, Gabbidon, Bothroyd (Orr 85), Mackie, Buzsaky (Helguson 71), Young, Wright-Phillips, Macheda (T.Smith 61), Ferdinand. Unused subs: Cerny, Hall, Campbell, Ephraim.

Dons: Martin, Smith, Lewington, Kouo-Doumbe, Gleeson, Potter, Bowditch (O'Shea 82), MacDonald, S.Williams, Ibehre, Chadwick (Powell 73). Unused subs: McLoughlin, Flanagan, Baldock, G.Williams.
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RUGBY UNION

Derby win for Bletchley completes the hat-trick

Olney 10 Bletchley 24

BLETCHLEY tasted derby day victory over Olney for the third time this season with this away win at their local rivals in the South West 1 East.

The two sides have already met in the league and the county cup and a third Bletchley win was never in doubt after a roaring start made by the visitors.

Olney missed an early penalty which would have put them in front and they then fell behind with six minutes played.

Will Garrett passed to Dagan Probert after a promising 60-yard break and the ball found its way to George Harman who ran in under the posts.

The second try arrived just after the 20 minute mark thanks to a strong driving maul by Bletchley's forwards.

Olney's pack was forced back over the try line and Josh Sprules came up with the ball to claim the score.

A third try followed swiftly after Harman's clever chip allowed Garrett to go over.

Bletchley were 21-0 up but after losing both Harman and Kev Turnbull to injury, they only added to the scoreboard with a penalty, and Olney grabbed two consolation tries.

The win moved Bletchley up to eighth but Olney remain in trouble at the foot of the table.

Milton Keynes 38 Beaconsfield 7

THERE was a big win for MK who needed victory over top-of-the-table Beaconsfield to keep alive their hopes of promotion.

Having lost to the same opposition earlier in the season it was a daunting task but City responded with their most comprehensive display of the campaign so far.

Darren Broderick took the ball over after a ruck for MK's first try and Dan Rolfe then broke three tackles before scoring as a commanding 18-0 lead was opened up before the break.

Beaconsfield capitalised on some sloppy play to go over early in the second half, but further MK tries from Kieran McConnell and Gavin Whitehead, coupled by a good day with the boot for Phil Powell, completed the win.

MK are fifth in the Southern Counties North.

ICE HOCKEY

Adam Carr fires at the Guildford net. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

No joy for MK

Lightning 5 Guildford Flames 6
Manchester Phoenix 6 Lightning 3

LIGHTNING missed the chance to go top of the league but they succeeded in raising the roof during a superb game of ice hockey at Planet Ice.

Fans had been encouraged to bring a friend for the game and the club could barely have picked a more thrilling contest for this initiative.

The result – a 6-5 defeat to leaders Guildford Flames – didn't go according to the script but the feisty match-up will have certainly won a few more fans.

Both sides exchanged blows as the score swung back and forth with Lightning forced to battle back from behind to level the game at both 4-4 and 5-5.

The largest home crowd for several years hoped for a winner but Guildford would have the final say thanks to David Longstaff's strike.

Lightning fans clapped their team off the ice anyway but the fact was they had fallen to defeat, and they were again beaten 24-hours later, 6-3 by Manchester Phoenix.

It means that Lightning still remain second in the English Premier League, three points behind Guildford who have a game in hand.

This weekend there is more league action with a home clash against Sheffield Steeldogs on the agenda for Saturday, followed by a trip to Basingstoke Bison on Sunday.

The Steeldogs game is the first of three in a fortnight between the two sides, as next month the clubs will meet in a two-leg aggregate score decider in the EPL Cup semi-final.

Lightning player-coach Nick Poole said he was under no illusions about what to expect from the combative Yorkshire side.

"They'll give us another very physical game but we're ready for it," he said.

"They worked us very hard when they came here in November, but we won and we want to make that the start of a pattern.

"Our top line is firing on all cylinders – Leigh Jamieson, Blaz Emersic and Juraj Gracik are in terrific form, and goals are coming regularly.

The league games are the immediate priority but Poole also has one eye on the cup semi.

He said: "The EPL Cup is the one title that's eluded the Lightning over the years and we want to put that right.

"We have had some great results recently, so we're hoping to continue that in the cup."

BASKETBALL

VINCE'S VIEW

LIONS CHIEF VINCE MACAULAY: ONLY IN MK NEWS

HELLO all, and welcome to this week's Vince's View. I hope you have had as sporting a week as I have.

Firstly I watched our U14s and U16s on Saturday and then it was off to Planet Ice to watch the MK Lightning narrowly lose 5-6 to the league leaders as they tried to snatch top spot.

After that I was off to the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham to see the BBL Cup Final and our last opponents, Newcastle Eagles claimed the title with a dominant performance over our BBL Trophy Semi-final opponents, Plymouth Raiders.

We have just announced that Robert Youngblood will be rejoining us after a short spell away at the Leicester Riders, I would love to say we simply loaned him out to them. We are delighted to have him back and look forward to his contributions on the court.

It's off to Leicester on Saturday and a win there will see us climb into fifth spot and coach New will be delighted.

I expect a blood and thunder encounter against our fierce local rivals. If you'd like to join us there check out our website for details.

The lads will be in action at home on January 27 when Durham come calling, our attendances have been sensational over the last few weeks, so please keep spreading the word as we make the Lions Arena a formidable home advantage.

Congratulations to the National League U16s who have qualified for the semis of the National Cup, hopefully they can go all the way.

Check out all the news at www.mklions.com. In the meantime, I leave you with this week's nugget: "Bitterness is like cancer, it eats upon the host. But anger is like fire, it burns it all clean." – Maya Angelou

Power forward Youngblood is once again a Lion

LIONS have strengthened their ranks by re-signing power forward Robert Youngblood.

The 6'7" player first joined the club in 2005 after spells with British Basketball League rivals London Leopards and London Towers.

He left for Leiecster Riders midway through the 2010/11 season but he has now returned in the opposite direction after leaving the Lions' local rivals shortly before Christmas.

Head coach Mike New, a member of the 2008 BBL Cup winning side alongside Youngblood, is delighted that the old charge will soon be donning the black and gold again.

He said: "You cannot quantify all the little things Robert brings to the table, and if we aim to finish in the top four then he is vital to those plans.

"I am excited by our team this season as we have started to show glimpses of how good we can be, and with 'blood' in the side I think we will address some of our lapses in games."

Alabama born Youngblood has a career average in excess of 16-points per game and it is hoped that the 32-year-old will bring leadership skills to the table among the youthful Lions set-up.

Chief executive Vince Macaulay was also pleased to have his man back in Lions colours.

He said: "Robert brings a lot of veteran leadership to us, he is the kind of guy you never want to see in opposition colours.

"He has won for me here in Milton Keynes and I know he would like to sign off on his career in style, hopefully he will."

Youngblood will be launched straight into the thick of things as his first game will be away at his old club Leicester on Saturday.

New: happy with his signing. Picture: F1 Point Zero

Lions are seventh in the table and could climb up to fifth with victory in the league encounter, but they can expect another stern test from the Riders, who are going well in third.

Lions knocked Leicester out of the BBL Trophy this season but the tables were turned when Riders sent the city side out of the BBL Cup.

SPORTSSHORTS

ATHLETICS

AFTER a good start to the year everything went wrong for the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club at the fourth Chiltern Cross Country league match in Slough.

Having dominated the league from day one the team struggled against old rivals Bedford and County who not only came out on top on the day but also pushed MK into second spot overall.

With just one more match to go Bedford now lead by 151 points, a slender advantage in cross country terms so there is still all to race for.

In Slough, there was a category win for the F17 women, second places for the M13 boys and F13 girls and third spots for the senior men, senior women and M20 men.

BADMINTON

LIZ Cann made it all the way to the final at the Yonex Estonian International this weekend.

The city resident came through two three game contests on Friday and straight game wins in the quarter and semi-finals on Saturday.

But the four-times English national champion fell to Dutch number two Judith Meulendijks in a tough, three game contest in Sunday's final.

She went down 21-13 10-21 21-14 against the former world top 20 player who she has not beaten in seven meetings.

Reaching the final will give the Commonwealth bronze medallist a boost heading for her next event in Stockholm.

Cann is looking to climb from number 54 in the world rankings in her pursuit of Scotland's Susan Egelstaff, who leads the Olympic qualifying race at number 32.

TENNIS

MK TENNIS club is looking to expand its membership after a hugely successful two seasons.

The men's A team captured the coveted Bucks Premiership shield, bringing the honour to the north of the county for the first time in 59 years.

Club players have also helped claim 13 adult trophies awarded by Tennis MK and two other Bucks county division wins.

Anyone interested in more information should e-mail info@miltonkeynestennisclub.net.

SKATING

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD city figure skater is about to embark upon a European adventure.

Miesha Cooke Smith, who trains at Planet Ice, will jet off to Slovenian capital Ljubljana to compete in the Tivoli Cup.

She will be up against strong competition in the cubs category for skaters born in 2002 or 2003 and will be hoping to improve on the ninth place finish achieved when she last competed internationally.

TABLE TENNIS

ANDREW Baggaley is hoping to compete at this year's Olympics in prime condition.

The city player told MK NEWS: "Hopefully I'll get it spot on and peak at the event."

For the full interview with Andrew visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

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Big wins for Bletchley and MK – page 75

KILLER BLOW: Danny Gabbidon nets the winner for Queens Park Rangers

Picture: Andy Handley.

Danny dumps Dons out

BY DAN PALMER

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QPR 1 Dons 0

DONS missed out on a glamour FA Cup tie with Chelsea last night as Danny Gabbidon's second half header saw Premier League strugglers QPR sneak undeservedly through.

Karl Robinson's team were superb for large periods of the third round replay but several great chances came to nothing and the Welshman struck in the 73rd minute to make them pay.

New QPR boss Mark Hughes named an exceptionally strong side in his first home match but his team didn't explode out of the traps as he would have liked in a cautious opening ten minutes.

Luke Chadwick was the first to try his luck with a low shot from the edge of the area which was easily gobbled up by Hoops keeper Paddy Kenny.

Dons had looked comfortable early on but there was a moment of danger when Stephen Gleeson lost the ball to on-loan Manchester United man Federico Macheda, who in turn slid in Jay Bothroyd.

The striker darted into the box but his shot across goal flew handsomely over and into the near 2000-strong visiting fans behind the goal.

It was a nervy start from QPR who were failing to show any Premier League class and a number of loose passes began to frustrate sections of the home support.

Dons were knocking the ball about nicely and Adam Smith's fierce cross was flicked just off target via Charlie MacDonald's head.

It was a near miss and a wake-up call for QPR who suddenly began to play with more purpose.

Jamie Mackie's cross seemed perfect for Macheda's head until Mathias Doumbe expertly took it off him, and Bradley Wright-Phillips, who got in behind the defence, would have scored if Chadwick hadn't arrived with a vital saving tackle. From the resulting corner QPR thought

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Club embarrassed by Carlisle postponement

DONS chairman Pete Winkelman has described Saturday's 11th hour postponement of the game with Carlisle United as one of his 'darkest days' at the club.

The match failed to get underway because of a frozen pitch and the club has admitted that its protection measures for the stadiummk turf were not adequate.

Only half of the pitch was covered overnight as a decision was taken to only protect areas where there had been problems in previous cold snaps.

This backfired as a 30-yard section remained frozen, prompting referee Darren Sheldrake to call the match off.

Mr Winkelman was left 'embarrassed' by the events and manager Karl Robinson said he was 'fuming' at the situation.

Carlisle supporters – who embarked on a wasted round trip of more than 500 miles – had already arrived at the stadium along with thousands of home fans when the game was axed.

Dons have unreservedly apologised for what happened and have already held meetings to discuss avoiding a repeat.

The game, which will likely be rearranged for a Tuesday night, was the only one in the top four divisions not to beat the chill and local non-league games at Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford did go ahead.

Carlisle fans have had their tickets refunded and will get in for free at the rearrangement, and they can also bring a friend for free.

In addition, two coaches will be laid on from Cumbria by Dons, and home supporters will also benefit from the bring a friend offer.

"We are trying to make the best of what was one of my darkest days in football," Mr Winkelman said.

"It was a real embarrassment and not good for either club so we've tried to do something special.

"No-one was expecting it to be called off at any point during the morning, it was completely out of the blue, but if it had been the other way around I'd have been really angry.

"We have learnt lessons and there will be more pitch protection in future, we're a new club and sometimes things have to go wrong to learn."

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